

UJS Current Policy

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Motion Title: UJ3 Oo Oo Oo, It's Time For A Democracy Review

Proposer's name: James Harris

Proposer's J-Soc: Birmingham

Seconder's name: Nathan Boroda

Seconder's J-Soc: Warwick

What's the idea?

1. Democracy is integral to UJS reaching out to as many Jewish students as possible.
2. It is time for UJS to review its democratic processes in order to enhance them.

How do you want it to happen?

1. The UJS President should initiate a review of all democratic processes, to be concluded by November 2020.
2. That this consultation should consult with Jewish students for across the country, all religious backgrounds and liberation communities.
3. This review should include, but not be limited to, the make-up of UJS National Council, the elections for UJS President and the creation of new representative organisations.

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Motion Title: UJ10 Israel Education

Proposer's name: Simcha Alexandra Hassan

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

Seconder's name: Amy-Julie Fogiel

Seconder's J-Soc: University of Essex

What's the idea?

1. UJS should encourage JSocs to host Israel engagement events. - The topics at these events should be varied around Israel and the conflict and open all from the university so long as they are prepared to listen.

How do you want it to happen?

1. One of UJS' core values is Israel Engagement and UJS should recommend that JSocs carry out Israel engagement events. o UJS should create a list of speakers and potential topics to distribute to JSocs should they wish. UJS has a policy of zero tolerance for hate speech and racism, as defined in the Code of Conduct, section
2. For this reason, UJS should not allow a JSoc to host any speaker deemed to promote hate speech or racism.

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Motion Title: UJ4 Welfare in J-Socs

Proposer's name: James Harris

Proposer's J-Soc: Birmingham

Seconder's name: Peter Strauss

Seconder's J-Soc: Oxford Brookes

What's the idea?

1. The current lack of welfare on J-Socs is concerning. Mental health awareness is something that appears to be missing in a number of J-Socs across the country.
2. It is vital that we start to talk about such issues within our societies to remove the stigma from mental health.
3. Furthermore, we must provide support to those who feel like they may not be able to talk to anyone else. The Jewish circle may be the one place that people feel comfortable opening up about how they feel.
4. A few J-Socs do already have a welfare officer but this isn't enough. We must aim to expand this to cover every J-Soc. Mental health is an issue on every campus and can often be hidden; making it appear like there's no problem. – The following proposals really could be the difference between life and death.
5. We are not able to remove mental health issues but we can certainly take steps to help.

How do you want it to happen?

1. Mandatory session provided by some kind of professional speaker for all new J-Soc committee members at the beginning of the (committee) year on different mental health issues and how we can raise awareness.
2. Every J-Soc should begin the year by making a plan of steps that could be taken to raise awareness within their society and come up with a plan of how someone would go about getting the help they need. The committee should also think about signs that could suggest a welfare issue and how they would address it.
3. Every J-Soc should seriously consider making a welfare officer position available on their committee. It is important this role is advertised before an election. Anyone wanting to take up this role should be provided with training - perhaps this could come from the training provided on campus for other movements e.g. Nightline or UJS could look at providing this training during summit.
4. Welfare of the committee is also important and all members should feel like they have someone they can talk to. Each committee should nominate one person at the beginning of the year who could act as the go to person should anyone feel they need someone to talk to.
5. When a welfare officer is elected, it should be made publicly known e.g. on the Facebook group, who this person is and what the role of this person is.

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Motion Title: UJ2 J-Soc Inclusivity officer and guide

Proposers' names and J-Socs:

Jodie Franks, Leeds

Peter Strauss, Oxford Brookes

Etan Feingold, Nottingham

Seconders' names and J-Socs:

Yona Davis, Manchester

Shayna Wise, Leicester

Jacob Jackson, Nottingham Trent

What's the idea?

1. Many minorities within the Jewish student community feel under represented and therefore unwelcome at JSoc. Having an inclusivity officer on a JSoc committee would solve this problem by thinking about how events, friday night dinners, etc. can be made more welcoming and open to all types of students, whether they be more or less religious, LGBTQ+, or have health issues.

2. Having open communication between the committee and the students is very important. Students should feel that they can express their opinions and complaints to their inclusivity officer, and know that there is a designated role on the JSoc committee to solve their problems. Examples of the role of an inclusivity officer include being a friendly face at events and ensuring that everybody has someone to sit with, or designating a quieter room at pres/bigger events for people who are feeling overwhelmed.
3. JSocs should be a safe space for all Jews regardless of their sexuality. Unfortunately, JSocs aren't always that welcoming for LGBTQ+ students. Last year a J-Soc president left homophobic abuse for a JSoc member to find as an example. The idea is for UJS to work with a Jewish LGBTQ+ organisation to create a handbook for JSoc committees on creating welcoming spaces to all Jewish students.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should hold meetings with respective JSOC presidents (at least 6) to collate ideas on how best to represent all their student members - A draft publication should be created highlighting the concerns raised and potential solutions - A draft guidance should be created following on from the potential solutions and drawing on realistic solutions, such as creating alternative events for the progressive movement. All owing men and women to sit together or separately depending on the event or members attending. - Once approved by UJS, the guidance should be sent to all JSOC presidents.
2. J-Socs should strongly consider having a role of 'inclusivity officer'. This person on committee does not need to necessarily 'be' every minority, but it is their role to listen to individual students and make sure their voices are heard on committee. All J-Soc committee members should be reminded by the inclusivity officer that their job is to represent all Jewish students, even ones they don't personally identify with.
3. After AGM and at least once a term, the inclusivity officer's name and role should be published, eg on a facebook page, so that students know they can reach out to the inclusivity officer to have their voices heard. In smaller J-Socs where an inclusivity officer is not feasible, the committee should take it upon themselves to keep channels of communication open between them and the students through anonymous online forms or feedback sessions with the president.
4. UJS should produce and distribute a guidebook on how to be inclusive to all and make sure J-Socs are a safe and welcoming space to all and provide adequate training.

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Motion Title: UJ5 Inclusive UJS

Proposer's name: Daniel Sacks

Proposer's J-Soc: Birmingham

Seconders name: Asher Renton

Seconders J-Soc: Birmingham

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1. As a union for all Jewish students, UJS should be a space for all Jews regardless of denomination or affiliation. With more and more Orthodox students feeling unrepresented 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 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.
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.

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Proposer's J-Soc: Birmingham

Seconder's name: Asher Renton

Seconder's J-Soc: Birmingham

What's the idea?

1. UJS launched an antisemitism awareness training programme for students' unions in the Summer of 2019
2. This training has so far been delivered at around 30 students' unions, including training the leadership of the National Union of Students
3. Alongside this training, UJS has developed a booklet sent out to SUs titled 'How to Support Your Jewish Students'

4. This training programme has been successful in educating students' unions on antisemitism and how it should be tackled and building relationships between J Socs and their SUs

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should continue to deliver this training every year to all the new SU sabbatical teams around the country including both full-time and part-time officers.
2. UJS should work with J-Socs to ensure they attend the training on their campus and meet their new SU officers
3. UJS should recreate their booklet 'How to Support Your Jewish Students' every few years to ensure it is up to date
4. UJS should ensure that the leadership of the NUS is trained every year
5. UJS Should work with the Community Security Trust, the International Holocaust Memorial Alliance, the Antisemitism Policy Trust and the Campaign Against Antisemitism to update and consolidate their resources and training strategies
6. That this should be prioritised in every University with a J-Soc and where it does not interfere with other campaign work – in order to ensure that it is reasonably practical.

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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.

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Motion Title: CA6 Opposing BDS in all its forms

Proposer's name: James Harris, Sally Patterson

Proposer's J-Soc: Birmingham, Cambridge

Seconder's name: Peter Strauss

Seconder's J-Soc: Oxford Brookes

What's the idea?

1. BDS, or 'Boycott, Divest & Sanction' is a polarising tool and creates a hostile environment for Jewish students on campus, often resulting in the threat of physical violence and verbal abuse.
2. It contributes to the polar narrative of us vs. them. It forces students to be either pro-Israel vs. pro-Palestine, which is an unhelpful and unrepresentative binary.
3. Many Jewish students are staunchly Zionist, and also care about the human rights of both Palestinians and Israelis.
4. The BDS movement on campus often makes Jewish students feel silenced, threatened and even fearful for their safety.
5. BDS also excludes many Israeli voices fighting for peace, who often put their lives at risk to do so.
6. By excluding an Israeli voice, BDS opposes UJS' policy of supporting a two-state solution. Without working bilaterally, a political resolution will never be achieved.
7. It's crucial that Jewish students are actively involved in conversations about criticising Israel and defining what legitimate criticism of Israel is. This is the only way to prevent so-called criticism from straying into outright antisemitism.
8. That way, Jewish students will be able to prove that you can be critical of Israeli government policies and fight for the end of the occupation of the West Bank, but not be anti-Israel or anti-Semitic

9. 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.
10. The BDS movement is duplicitous in its aims, and purposefully conflates legitimate criticisms of Israel with attacks on the Jewish right to self-determination as a concept.
11. We are greatly disturbed by the thought that our universities, dedicated to the pursuit of truth and knowledge, could be called on to ban cooperation with the universities and cultural groups of any other country.
12. We regard this as an assault on intellectual and academic freedom. We also believe that these discriminatory measures only isolate those elements of Israeli society most supportive of peace.
13. Moreover, as recent events at different universities have shown, BDS creates a toxic environment for Jewish students on campus. We note that it is the same 'protesters' breaking windows and intimidating Jewish students on these campuses, that are pushing for BDS under the guise of non-violent resistance.
14. UJS has a responsibility to protect the interests of Jewish students - who are undoubtedly harmed by the obsession of the BDS movement; as these incidents so clearly demonstrate.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should support student activists who promote meaningful discussions about Israel/ Palestinians
2. UJS should not support people who promote blanket boycotts, such as BDS, on campuses or candidates in the NUS.
3. UJS should ensure that students are well informed about the conflict and have a good understanding of the issues so that they can participate in these conversations.
4. This includes educating students on why BDS is not a viable pathway to peace, and how other routes will be more impactful. In doing so, students will not fight BDS blindly, rather they will understand the reasoning behind the need for other tactics.
5. UJS should assist JSocs in effectively fighting BDS and create a 'How to deal with BDS on campus' resource for any student who would like to understand the issues further.
6. UJS should signpost students towards other organisations who can help them fight for a two State Solution in the most effective way.
7. JSocs should be given appropriate assistance to counter BDS motions at their Student Unions on the grounds that this movement has the potential to challenge the continuing functioning of JSocs and the safety of Jewish students.
8. UJS will work closely with Students' Unions, the CST and campus security in order to communicate and mitigate against the divisive and potentially violent consequence of the BDS movement on campus.

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Motion Title: CA11 University Staff Guidance to High Holy Days and Shabbat

Proposer's name: Ben Harari

Proposer's J-Soc: Nottingham

Seconder's name: Jael Sermoneta

Seconder's J-Soc: Nottingham

What's the idea?

1. UJS should work with Chaplaincy to write a clear set of guidelines for university staff to follow concerning Orthodox Jewish students who miss important lectures and seminars due to observance of Shabbat/Festivals.
2. This especially important during the first semester, when Shabbat is early on a Friday and there are many festivals midweek. This can be especially detrimental to the studies of first years, who aren't yet familiar with the style of study at university.
3. University staff should accommodate for Jewish students around the festivals in September/October so that religion does not impact their grades or coursework. This would ensure that it is always possible to catch up on any work missed due to the High Holy Days, and that course coordinators and lecturers have a set plan to offer support to these students so that observant Jewish students are not disadvantaged due to their religious practices.
4. This would be an advisory guideline explaining the nature of religious holidays and the Sabbath and providing resources that would help the staff member understand and guide them on how best to help the student.
5. This guide is a starter pack that should eventually be adopted by universities and used as protocol to make decisions concerning religious students that miss compulsory lectures, workshops or seminars etc.
6. It should be the university's responsibility to help the student catch up and provide them with resources to do so. If it is left up to the student, like now, it can be detrimental to the student's wider studies, thus amounting to indirect discrimination by the university.

How do you want it to happen?

1. Create a document, in conjunction with Chaplaincy, that would explain to university staff how best to make resources available to Jewish students who require them in place of attending particular contact hours due to observance of Sabbath/festivals.
2. The document would also include a brief introduction, explaining the nature of the Sabbath and festivals, particularly in the autumn/winter when it gets dark early and many students can't attend sessions scheduled later on a Friday afternoon.

3. The document could also be published to Jewish students entering university to make them aware of what to do in order to catch up. This would also make students aware of their university's responsibilities to help them.
4. Examples of way to help students would be included. These could include the following:
5. Extra resources online that could make up credits that students miss for attendance-based modules.
 - 5.1 e.g. If a module requires attendance in order to receive credits then there could be an option to watch the lecture and complete a quiz online to confirm you watched it.
6. Chaplains could provide proof that the student needs to miss that lecture due to religious observance in the form of a letter, like they already do for missed exams/deadlines.
7. Provided a student notifies the relevant people in good time, the teaching staff should direct the student towards the relevant material to catch up what they missed so that the burden to find material is not on the student. This motion would ensure the rights of religiously observant Jewish students against indirect discrimination due to religious practices.

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Motion Title: CA10 Kosher food on campus

Proposer's name: Judith Offenberg

Proposer's J-Soc: Kings College

Seconder's name: James Leof

Seconder's J-Soc: Nottingham

What's the idea?

1. Several universities in the UK already offer kosher food at their SU shops or canteens and this year University of Nottingham introduced kosher snacks and hot meals, with the help of UJS. 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 J-Socs 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 University Jewish Chaplaincy to introduce kosher provisions.

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Motion Title: CA3 Promoting better relationships between J-Socs and their Students' Unions

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. Students' Unions are important organisations which have sizeable influence on student societies and their universities
2. It is important for J-Socs to have relationships with their Students' Unions (SUs) in order to best represent their Jewish students
3. Building these relationships is not always easy and something that J-Socs could use advice from UJS on
4. J-Socs often feel far removed from their SUs and this prevents them being part of their wider student community – often inhibiting things like interfaith work and university-wide campaigns

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS to include sessions on how to work with SUs into their J-Soc training programme
2. UJS to help J-Socs build relationships with their SUs through their already existing relationship through antisemitism awareness training
3. UJS to promote the opportunities available to students within their SUs after graduating and to help and advise students running for sabbatical positions

This policy lapses in 2022

Motion Title: CA8 Jewish prayer rooms on campus

Proposer's name: Judith Offenberg

Proposer's J-Soc: Kings College

Seconder's name: Dania Mann-Weinberg

Seconder's J-Soc: Manchester

What's the idea?

1. A lot of observant Jews pray three times a day, meaning that at least one of those prayer times falls during uni 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 to lobby SUs and universities to establish Jewish prayer rooms on campus, and also support J-Socs in doing so.
2. For UJS to include this ask and information in their next "Supporting your Jewish students" guide.
3. UJS to work with University Jewish Chaplaincy to lobby for Jewish prayer rooms.

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Motion Title: CA4 Love Thy Neighbour: Tackling Antisemitism and Islamophobia Together

Proposer's name: Nathan Boroda

Proposer's J-Soc: Warwick

Seconder's name: Zac Lewis

Seconder's J-Soc: Warwick

What's 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. Mandate the UJS Sabbatical Team to meet with representatives from interfaith organisations such as Christian Unions, FOSIS, Sikh and Hindu Societies in January 2020 to discuss how this campaign should be run.
2. Mandate the UJS Campaigns Team to choose a campus with large communities of different faiths to organise an introductory meeting between Jewish students and students of other faiths.

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Motion Title: CA5 Uncle Moishy Is Here, Uncle Moishy Is There, Uncle Moishy Is Truly Everywhere

Proposer's name: Nathan Boroda

Proposer's J-Soc: Warwick

Seconder's name: Nathan Domnitz

Seconder's J-Soc: Warwick

What's the idea?

1. Jewish children's entertainer Uncle Moishy is a staple of Judaism
2. Having Uncle Moishy on UK campuses will increase awareness of Judaism.
3. 'Healthy' by Uncle Moishy is an absolute banger.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should invite Uncle Moishy on a UK campus tour in 2020.

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Motion Title: CA7 Israel Palestine conversations on Campus

Proposer's name: Peter Strauss

Proposer's J-Soc: Oxford Brookes

Seconder's name: Noah Libson

Seconder's J-Soc: Goldsmiths

What's 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 Israelis and Palestinians 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 perspectives together to discuss the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.
4. There exists at around 5 universities an Israel Palestine Discussion Group that hosts various events, including speaker talks and informal meetings of society members, to facilitate discussion on a range of topics.
5. These groups have provided a space for all students to come and engage in constructive discussion, promoting dialogue instead of division.
6. If we are serious about the peace process, then we must discuss the difficult topics and these societies encompasses that.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS will 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. Based on the recommendation from the recent Home Affairs Select Committee report, UJS will 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.

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Motion Title: CA9 Reform University Disciplinary Processes

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. 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 lobby UUK, Office for Students and the Government to launch a review into the way universities handle complaints
2. UJS should continue to support Jewish students engaging with current complaints procedures

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Motion Title: CA12 Security Costs motions

Proposer's name: Sabrina Miller

Proposer's J-Soc: Bristol

Seconder's name: Dominic Casoria

Seconder's J-Soc: Lancaster

What's the idea?

1. J-Soc's, Israel societies and Dialogue societies often face extortionate security costs
2. Lancaster J-Soc have been charged upwards of £2500 for a single events security costs, and Bristol MEF have been charged £300 for its first two events
3. Small societies or new societies often don't have the financial backing to cover this costs and can either be left bankrupt or be forced to cancel the event
4. This can prevent Jewish societies, Israel societies or dialogue societies from thriving
5. This can discourage Jewish, Israel, dialogue societies from putting on educational and interesting event

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should pay the security costs for any events run by Jewish, Israel and dialogue societies up to an amount agreed by the trustees
2. If UJS cannot afford this they must loan Jewish, Israel, and dialogue societies money to cover security costs
3. UJS should advise societies on how to improve their finances and increase their membership so that they will eventually be able to afford these costs

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Motion Title: CA13 Promoting Interfaith: Friends across Faiths

Proposer's name: Nathan Kelion, Shoshana Cohen

Proposer's J-Soc: Leeds, Bristol

Seconder's name: Talia Knoble- Gershon, Sabrina Miller

Seconder's J-Soc: Birmingham, Bristol

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 J-Socs, with many J-Socs 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.

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 e.g. Nisa Nashim, on specific interfaith projects
3. UJS should 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 run at least two more interfaith campaigns or events throughout the year in addition to partaking in interfaith week.
5. UJS to encourage J-Socs to organise more interfaith events throughout the year, in addition to interfaith week.

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Motion Title: CA14 Project Incubator

Policy Lapse from 2016 challenged at Conference

What's the idea?

1. A UJS Project Incubator to be set up in order to give a platform for students to develop their ideas and give them a stage for them to take place.
2. Where appropriate, this will involve guidance from non-UJS organisations.
3. Where deemed for the benefit of the Jewish student movement, funding may be provided.

How do you want it to happen?

1. The recent UJS Incubator has played a vital role in bringing the creative abilities of Jewish students across the country to the fore.
2. Similarly, there are engaged Jewish students with ideas for large-scale events and projects, which under the guidance and support of UJS and others, could make a difference to Jewish life on campus.
3. Such an Incubator would also serve the purposes of:
 - A. Building bridges between active Jewish students and UJS/other communal organisations. Enabling the UJS team to fulfill their roles by putting into action the events which Jewish students want to see.

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Motion Title: CO8 Motion to clarify 2018 motion CO5: Affirming UJS's commitment to Israel and a democratic and Jewish state by supporting democratic civil society organisations in Israel

Proposer's name: Daniel Marcus

Proposer's J-Soc: Nottingham

Seconder's name: Natalia Orenstein

Seconder's J-Soc: Queen Mary

What's the idea?

1. UJS represents a proud Zionist voice, one which supports Israel as a Jewish and democratic

state.

2. As such, we have the responsibility of defending and protecting Israel when it is slandered, but also ensuring that civil society organisations that work towards equal opportunity for Arab-Israelis have the support that they need. “Together— Vouch for Each Other” is an organisation which provides opportunities for Arab Israelis to integrate with and benefit fully from Israeli democratic society. Equaliser is a charity which works to bring Jewish and Arab children together through education and football.

3. The functioning of these organisations, which service underprivileged communities in Israel ensure that all Israelis have a better chance at succeeding in the Jewish state. They support the principles laid out in the Declaration of Independence as essential components of the Jewish and democratic state of Israel.

4. These organisations do not receive enough support from diaspora Jews for the integral work that they do. The issue of Arab-Israeli integration within the state of Israel is not as popular as other civil society causes—but that does not mean that it is any less pressing. We have a duty to support the Arab sector which makes up 21% of the population and a vital part of Israel’s vibrant democracy.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should have no association with these groups and motion CO5 should be updated to include working with organization who do provide support and enhancements towards the cause of peace and human rights including Together – Vouch for Each Other and the Equaliser.
2. The organisations, Together- Vouch for Each Other and the Equaliser are vital to the continuation of a healthy Israeli democracy. As such, UJS must actively support the existence of these organisations.
3. UJS must reach out to these organisations so that they have a channel to educate British students.
4. This includes programming meetings or activities with these organisations on UJS trips to Israel and doing events with them when representatives are in the UK.

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

Seconder's name: Tamar Klajman

Seconder's 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.
5. 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

Seconder's name: Ariel Simble

Seconder's 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

Seconder's name: Yona Davis

Seconder's 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

Seconders name: Jason Gardner

Seconders 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

Seconder's name: David Legmann

Seconder's 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

Seconder's name: Millie Walker & Sabrina Miller

Seconder's 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

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

Seconders name: Jodie Franks

Seconders 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

Seconders name: Noah Katz

Seconders 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

Seconder's name: Ariel Simble

Seconder's 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 its 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

Seconders name: Sabrina Miller

Seconders 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

Seconder's name: Edward Green & Daniel Marcus

Seconder's 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.

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.

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

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: Tsofia 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: Mital 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

Seconders name: Hedva Engle

Seconders 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

Seconders name: Josh Samuel

Seconders 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

Seconder's name: Rafi Davis

Seconder'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 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

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 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

Secunder's name: Noah Katz

Secunder'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

Seconder's name: James Konn

Seconder's 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

Seconder's name: Hedva Engle

Seconder's 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.

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

Seconder's name: Boruch Michaels

Seconder's 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

This policy lapses in 2024

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

Seconders name: Ella Lambert

Seconders 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

This policy lapses in 2024

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

Seconders name: Noah Libson

Seconders J-Soc: Goldsmith's

What's the idea?

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.