

Hi! My name is **Joel Azulay** and I'm running to be your **UJS President for 2022-23**. I'm a final year International Relations student at Queen Mary University of London, and I want to **Open Up UJS** to improve Jewish student life.

As President of QMUL JSoc for the past two years, I have **worked with my University and SU to adopt IHRA**, and supported Jewish students when incidents of antisemitism have occurred. I also **planned events for hundreds of students** in London and **across the UK**, including a Purim party, a Shavuot barbecue, and a club night. I'm really involved in Jewish communal life, which includes teaching at JFS, working as a Madrich for Tribe, and volunteering with US Chesed.

**I want to be your next UJS President because I care deeply about improving the life of Jewish students. As UJS President, I would realign UJS' core focus to what matters most - The Students. I would work hard to build up the UJS community, making Jewish life on campus more fun, exciting, and enjoyable.**

## LINKING STUDENTS TOGETHER

I want UJS to focus on **building up a community** of students across the country, to **open up UJS**. I would...

- Increase the number of **national events organised by UJS**, providing students with a fun space to meet one another and have a good time
- Create a **sabbatical officer position** with a particular responsibility for Jewish student life, working with JSocs to improve the student experience
- Encourage and allocate funding to aid **collaboration between local JSocs**, meaning smaller JSocs can join larger events at bigger JSocs
- Make sure that **UJS events are accessible** so that wherever students are they can connect and participate
- Create a **comprehensive portal of resources** for JSoc committee members

## MAKING UJS PROACTIVE RATHER THAN REACTIVE

I want to improve UJS' existing framework in combating antisemitism, continuing to show **no tolerance for hate on campus**. I would...

- **Work closely with other institutions** such as CST and the Campaign Against Antisemitism to fight antisemitism on campus
- **Develop comprehensive resources** giving guidance to students working to erase antisemitism
- Work with sabbatical officers to **connect students** so they can learn from each other and share best practice on tackling antisemitism
- Create an **anonymous helpline** for students to report antisemitism and to receive guidance on how to respond to it

## MAKING UJS WORK FOR YOU

UJS is our union, and I want to make it work for students, with **improved transparency and welfare support** for students. I would...

- Host **fortnightly open meetings**, allowing students to chat directly with the UJS President so that UJS stays in touch with the student community
- Bring back the **UJS President Blog**, to keep students in the loop and maintain accountability
- Work with Jami and other mental health charities to provide JSocs with **free mental health first aid** training
- Encourage JSocs to run **specific welfare events** by offering subsidies and extensive UJS support for these events
- **Work across Jewish communities** to heal divides and unite students.

