Friday Timetable

Time	Session
13:00-16:30	Arrival and 'Get To Know You' activities in coffee room and bar
16:39 Shabbat comes in	
16:39	Candle Lighting (Dining room)
16:45	Kabbalat Shabbat Services (pg 6)
18:00	Friday Evening Sessions (pgs 8-9)
19:00	Dinner
20:30	TED Talks (Manor House)
21:30	Tisch, Free Time

Guidance for Shabbat

In order to make everyone feel comfortable during Shabbat we ask that no electric or phone devices are used in public areas and sessions. In your dorms and other private areas you may decide as a group to ensure everyone is comfortable.

We ask that you remember that different dorms adhere to different levels of observance and to please check before entering these spaces to ensure everyone is comfortable.

There is a noise curfew in all outdoor spaces from 9pm to 9am. Please refrain from making noise while moving around.

If you have any other questions about Shabbat at Convention, please speak to Jodie or Dora.

Friday Session (6-7pm)

Cinema

Antisemitism and Conspiracy Theories

This session will look at antisemitism and conspiracy theories: the proliferation of online conspiratorial content and the violent manifestation of such beliefs in society today.

CST

Creating A Student Union To Represent YOU!

1

In this session we will be discussing NUS, what they do and how they impact campus life. We will discuss the recent report into antisemitism and what the recommendations are. We will also be putting you to the test. Will YOU be able to create a union that represents EVERY student in this country? Let's try! We will also answer any questions you may have on NUS and student unions!

Faye Huberman and Guy Dabby-Joory

2

Periphery, Centre, and Everything In Between

In this session, we will discuss the untold stories of Israel- about the lives of those who live on the periphery, far from the spotlight of the Israeli ethos. Focusing on the city of Yerucham, this session will be eye-opening!

Efrat Malka

3

Shmooze With...

Judge Joel!

Is there a broigus dividing your JSoc? Are there issues that need to be resolved? Judge Judy was unavailable, so instead, you can bring any issues to Judge Joel who will adjudicate your dispute.

Friday Session (6-7pm)

Being Jewish Across The Channel

Bar

As British Jews, we naturally talk in great detail about the state of Jews and antisemitism in the UK, but our outlook on other Jewish communities is often relatively low resolution. Hear UJS' David and EUJS' Eryn and Avital explain the unique challenges and experiences other Jewish communities face across Europe.

Avital Grinberg, David Legmann, and Eryn Sarkin

What Can We Learn From Moses And Gershon When Thinking About LGBT+ Jews In Our Community?

Come and discuss Jewish thinking around community, reasons for creating a more welcoming and safer community for Jewish LGBT+ people, and why there is still a need in 2023 to do so.

Talia Fogelman

Cross-Communalism 101

2

Cross-communalism is one of the UJS four core values but what does it mean? In this session, we will explore exactly what it means, and what challenges it can bring up. You will hear from fellow students about how they have made cross-communalism work at their JSocs, and hopefully come away with some fresh ideas for yours!

Dora Hirsh

3

What Is A Jewish Leader? Perspectives On Modern Jewish Leadership

"There are many ways to lead and many different types of leaders". In this introductory session we'll explore what being a Jewish leader means to you. We will also distil down some of the current trends, discuss what exactly it is a good leader 'should' do, and ask what can be "Jewish" about our leadership.

Eli Gaventa

Saturday Timetable

Time	Session
09:30	Breakfast Shacharit Services (pg 6)
10:45	Parasha Tochnit (Bar)
11:30	Kiddush
12:00	Shabbat Session 1 (pgs 12-13)
13:00	Lunch
14:00	Shabbat Session 2 (pgs 14-15)
15:00	Seuda
16:00	Shabbat Session 3 (pgs 16-17)
17:00	Mincha/Free Time
17:53 Shabbat goes out	
17:53	Ma'ariv and Havdalah
18:30	Whole Group Photo
19:00	Dinner
20:00	Jewniversity Challenge Final (Dining Room) Shlichot: Israel Takeover (Bar) Free Time
21:00	Silent Disco (Manor House)

Shabbat Session 1 (12-1pm)

Cinema

Fighting Fascism With Hope, Not Hate.

With the far right on the rise globally, leading expert Dr Joe Mulhall shares his insights in a conversation with UJS President Joel Rosen. Come along to hear about Joe's experiences infiltrating and combatting extremist movements which pose a significant threat to Jewish communities.

Dr Joe Mulhall

Incompatible Approaches To Shabbat?

1

This session is a chance to come and learn with two rabbis from two different denominations who somehow make it work!

Rabbi Debbie Young-Somers and Rabbi Gary Somers

2

Understanding Your Jewish And Israeli Identities

Is our Jewish identity committed to a relationship with the State of Israel? Using the perspective of rabbis, politicians, and global Jewish leaders, we will examine how you encounter this Jewish-Israeli relationship - if any - in your daily life on campus, or with your family.

Adi Peled

Coffee Room

Shmooze With...

Sabs!

Come to the coffee room to talk to your favourite sab team 2022/23.

Shabbat Session 1 (12-1pm)

Jewish Student Life In Europe Post-Brexit - Is There A Space For Me?

Bar

Since Brexit, Jewish students in the UK may feel disconnected from European Jewish life. This session will explore this disconnection, but also the EUJS perspective that European Jewish life would be incomplete without British engagement. We will show the opportunities and wonders of a pan-European Jewish life and how British students can get involved.

Avital Grinberg and Eryn Sarkin

Jews In SUs

1

During this session, we will explore almost everything you need to know about students unions, what they do, why they matter and how come they exist! Come and learn how to get the most out of your SU.

Noah Katz

Building A Disability Community

2

Do you identify as a disabled student, or as having a disability? This could include a physical, or learning disability, neurodivergence, chronic illness, mental health condition. Everyone is welcome! This chilled and informal session offers a chance to meet other students who understand your experience. The discussion will be participant led - whether you want to talk activism or your favourite movie!

Dora Hirsh

3

Making the Most of Social Media

In the digital age, social media has become the most important form of publicity for a Jewish society. In this interactive session we will discuss how to maximise JSoc publicity on social media as well as which platforms are best for different forms of publicity and targeting the university student demographic.

Matty Fisher

Shabbat Session 2 (2-3pm)

Cinema

Ask Anderson: A Conversation On British And Jewish Politics

In this Q&A, you'll get the opportunity to hear from one of the UK's most prominent Jewish Parliamentarians. Ruth will be speaking in conversation with Joel and will take your questions on free speech, the fight against antisemitism and more. Join us for a wide-ranging and thought-provoking discussion.

Baronness Ruth Anderson

Who's Afraid Of Redemption?

1

Join the Shabos as they explore the parasha (Torah portion), the exodus of the Jewish people, and the barriers we put in place for our own personal redemption today. This session will be engaging and insightful, all are welcome.

Rabbi Eliran and Ayalah Shabo

2

"How Could You?" - Israeli-Diaspora Relations In Light Of The Election

Worried about a deterioration in Israel-diaspora relations after last year's election? Or the political direction Israel is going in more generally? Representing different perspectives of the Jewish world, join Noa and David in conversation trying to detoxify some of the growing misunderstandings and tensions around recent events.

David Legmann and Noa Dayan

Red Flag/Green Flag: What Is A Healthy Relationship?

3

Did you know that 16–24-year-olds are the age group most at risk of experiencing relationship abuse? Join us for a discussion on how to recognise and navigate unhealthy behaviours in relationships whilst promoting healthy interactions. We will be exploring relationship 'red flags', signs of relationship abuse and how to set and respect appropriate boundaries with others.

Amy Drage

Shabbat Session 2 (2-3pm)

Shmooze With...

Bar

ShinShinim Shmooze!

Have you ever thought about how your life would look if you had grown up in a different country? Come and meet our Israeli gap year volunteers, and find out about your similarities and differences.

Engaging Stakeholders: How To Effectively Influence Your JSoc's Stakeholders

1

In order to represent Jewish students, JSoc leaders must work and influence key stakeholders such as university and students' union leaders. In this session, learn how to build productive relationships and achieve change through your stakeholders. This session includes a Q+A with past and present campaigns officers!

Daniel Kosky

How Has The Holocaust Impacted Us Today?

2

We talk a lot about the Holocaust, but we don't often have time to think about how this actually affects us as young Jewish people making our way into the world. This will be a discussion-based session where students can explore and share their experiences, thoughts and feelings, either as the descendants of survivors and refugees, or just as Jewish students.

Dora Hirsh

3

Jewish Roots Of Comic Books

A session outlining the surprisingly Jewish roots, themes and origins of the superhero and comic book genre.

Xander Ross

Shabbat Session 3 (4-5pm)

Cinema

All About Campaigns

Join the UJS Campaigns Team to learn about effective activism, meet other changemakers on campus, and play a role in shaping UJS' next campaign!

Faye Huberman and Guy Dabby-Joory

Shmooze With...

1

Adi Peled!

Adi will be teaching schmoozers to speak Hebrew like a pro - whether you're getting malawach in Machne Yehuda, or ordering arak shots in Shalvata.

2

A Fresh Start: In Conversation With A Ukranian Refugee

Come and hear from Maria, a refugee from Kyiv, who has made a new life in London living with a Jewish family. Learn about life in Ukraine, and Maria's experiences of adjusting to London, and English and Jewish traditions.

Grace Silverstein and Maria Dorma

3

Let's Talk About It: Sexual Violence On Campus

In this session we will explore what the term 'sexual violence' really means and how it can affect students at university. Through a series of activities, discussions and case studies, we will examine the prevalence and impacts of sexual violence on campus and learn how we can actively tackle and prevent it.

Amy Drage

Shabbat Session 3 (4-5pm)

Solutions, Not Sides

Bar

How do we address polarisation around the issue of Israel-Palestine? In this session, you will gain insight into Solutions Not Sides' approach to educating about and discussing this conflict, including non-zero-sum theory, values frameworks and critical-thinking frameworks. Join us for a thought-provoking discussion.

Sharon Booth

Mental III Health In The Torah

1

Health struggles have been present as long as people have been in this world, and mental health is no different. Come and learn about the mental ill health of biblical characters, and flesh out the world of our ancestors through a new lens.

Jodie Franks

Light in the Darkness-Rebuilding lives in unprecedented times

2

Learn about the experiences of Jewish Holocaust survivors upon being liberated from Concentration camps. We will explore the unexpected ways that how Jewish survivors learnt to deal with their experiences. We will also look at the more uplifting ways that Jewish survivors coped with their experiences and tried to find a sense of normality in the most extraordinary times.

Sarah Wilks

3

Stories That Shaped Me

Our heritage and backgrounds are a part of us, but how do we talk about it today? What stories do we share about ourselves with the people we meet? Our stories are what we leave behind, let's look at what shapes them.

Lee Lobel

Map of Condover Hall



Key:

Orange 1-3 - Classrooms Blue 1-3 - Manor House, first floor

- 4 Coffee Room
- (5) Bar
- 6 Cinema Room
- Quiet Zone
- 8 Dining Hall
- 9 Sports Hall