

# GET GAV IN



Hi! I'm Gav and I'm running to be your next UJS President. I'm originally from Reading, where my Dad's the local Orthodox Rabbi. Growing up in an area with few Jews instilled the importance of community and taught me how to grapple with being a proud, observant Jew in a non-Jewish world. Now in my 3rd year studying Politics and International Relations at Herts, I have spent the last 2 years on my JSoc committee, organising events and taking the lead when issues have arisen with our University or Student Union. I've also led in general student advocacy, by lobbying for improved campus security. In my spare time, I'm a history buff and relax by playing piano or listening to recordings by actual professionals. As UJS President I will bring resilience, tolerance and a deep sense of duty to the role. I hope that those qualities come through clearly in my manifesto.

## IMPROVING ENGAGEMENT & ACCOUNTABILITY

- As President, I will (attempt to) visit every JSoc in the UK & Ireland, and hold monthly roundtables/Q&As for students to directly engage with me and hold me to account.
- UJS membership will be made more meaningful, with regular email newsletters (including both national and local updates) and semesterly feedback forms.
- I will continue great initiatives such as the Jewniversity Challenge, JSoc sports teams, and Aleph.
- UJS should keep JSocs in touch with their alumni, along with facilitating alumni to run general life advice or subject/career-specific sessions for their old JSocs. Greater direct contact with alumni will also help JSocs with fundraising.

## UPHOLDING UJS' CORE VALUES

- UJS should support and advocate for Jewish students as Jewish students; and not take stances on contentious socio-political issues, which can isolate large sections of our community.
- All JSoc events should be Shabbat/Kashrut sensitive, alongside creating an inclusive environment for Jews of any religious affiliation.
- UJS will continue its good work on advocating for general adoption of the IHRA definition, fighting antisemitism in NUS and opposing BDS on campus.
- UJS will continue to work closely with organisations such as CST and UJC.
- UJS and JSocs should take an active approach to interfaith engagement, fostering intercommunal understanding at a personal level. By tackling antisemitism at its roots, we can prevent its escalation, and create a more comfortable campus environment for Jewish students.

## TAILORING JSOC SUPPORT

- JSocs will be regionalised, each region sharing the same Sabbatical Officer to simplify and facilitate support and cooperation. This includes revitalising the London Forum. Regions will be supported in holding large, semesterly events, with travel subsidised for those from isolated JSocs. This will greatly benefit all JSocs, large and small.
- UJS should focus on empowering Jewish students to run the events they want to see. JSocs should be regularly contacted by their Sabbatical Officers, and fully aware of all the tools and support available to them.
- Training should be made easily available for committee members, both over the summer and generally by Sabbatical Officers (particularly for JSocs which change over in December/January).
- Kosher food deliveries should be available to any Jewish student/society (within financial reason).
- A specific Sabbatical Officer should hold a portfolio of coordinating JSocs and Jewish students when facing pro-BDS and anti-IHRA motions in on-campus politics.

**VOTE FOR GAV, SO HE CAN MAKE UJS WORK FOR YOU!**