



PLACEMENT YEAR SUPPORT GUIDE

2023-24

What is UJS?

We are the Union of Jewish Students, the voice of over 9,000 Jewish Students and Apprentices, spanning 75+ Jewish Societies (J-Socs) on campuses across the UK and Ireland.

Guided by our core values, the priorities of our elected President and policy passed at UJS Conference, together we create and deliver powerful campaigns; fighting prejudice, advancing inclusion, and inspiring education and action on the issues that matter to us. One of our core values is cross-communalism, we believe that UJS and J-Soc activities should be open to all Jewish students and apprentices regardless of political or religious affiliation or denomination.

Locally, nationally and internationally, we run diverse and dynamic programmes; provide access to kosher food and accommodation; and passionately engage with Israel, interfaith, and social action projects.

For over 100 years, we've been leading, defending and enriching Jewish student life across the UK and Ireland, and we're proud to be the voice of Jewish students.



Who am I?

Hi, I'm Matty and I am the UJS Sabbatical Officer responsible for Digital Engagement, Apprenticeships & Access to Work. I am really excited for all the amazing plans we have to support Placement Year Students this year! I am here to support you every step of the way; whether that is:



- Connecting you with your local JSoc
- Support and advice in practicing your Judaism while working
- Putting on dedicated events to allow Placement Year Students to connect and network
- Ensure that Placement Year Students can be involved in Wider UJS programming

Make sure to get in touch with me to get involved!

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Fill in our questionnaire so we can best support you this year:

www.ujjs.org.uk/apprenticeships_network



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Jewish Societies

At UJS we are working to make accommodations around your work schedules to allow you to experience Jewish student life. Additionally, your local Jewish Society (JSoc) is open and you are more than welcome to attend their events. You can find your local JSoc online (<https://www.ujs.org.uk/j-socs>) or contact Matty for more information.

Jewish Festivals

We are aware that some Jewish students and apprentices observe Jewish festivals and in some cases would want to take days off work to practice the festivals. UJS is here to support you in taking those days off work. We are aware the conversation might be difficult and we are therefore here to help you explain the Chagim to your employers and why you would need to take time off work. While it will probably come out of your holiday allowance, we are here to support you in going about booking the time off.



Find my JSoc



UJS Festival Guide

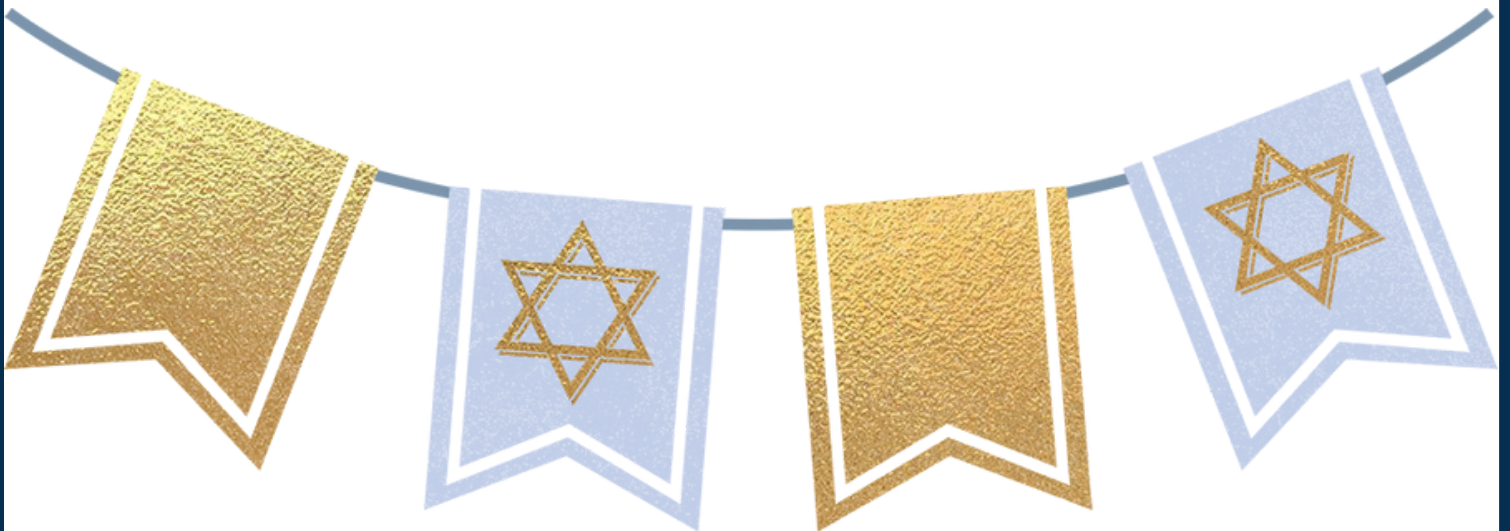
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Shabbat

We appreciate that during the winter months, Shabbat starts early and you may want to leave work early on a Friday to ensure you get home in time to prepare for Shabbat. We are able to support you in talking to your employers to allow you to leave work early.

Kosher Food in the Office

In some instances, companies provide food and/or snacks for employees. We can support you in talking to your manager about Kashrut laws/requirements, to ensure you don't miss out on work social events and/or perks.



UJS Placement Programme

We have a full programme planned to involve you with Jewish life on campus. This includes dedicated social events, helping you to connect with your local Jewish Society, linking you live to educational talks on campuses and the option to get involved in wider UJS programming. Message [Matty](#) to be added to the WhatsApp group which will be updated with all these opportunities.

After-Work Socials

We have a full program for events planned, dedicated to Apprentices and Placement Year students.

Connecting with JSocs

We can connect you with your local Jewish Society so you can attend their events.

Online Educational Talks

We plan to livestream educational talks taking place on campuses so you can watch and learn.

Wider UJS Programming

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Team

Sports Team

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