

UJS Conference 2016 Policy Document

Campus

Motion Title: CA2 Campaigning against anti-Semitism

Proposer's name: Rebecca Filer

Secunder's name: Hannah Rose

What's the idea?

1. UJS has for many years referred to the EUMC working definition in its campaigning work
2. Recent work in the UK has identified the International Holocaust
3. Remembrance Alliance [IHRA] as a more useful definition, partly because the UK is one of 31 signatory countries to this alliance
4. The Universities UK, Chakrabarti Inquiry, Home Affairs Select Committee report and recent high profile incidents at UCL, York and Sheffield Hallam identify a need for clarity from UJS and an opportunity to incorporate the welcome aspects of these recent inquiries and outcomes from incidents into our work
5. Jewish people, as with all minority groups, have a right to define their own oppression
6. When it comes to individuals from a minority reporting an alleged hate crime, we support the Macpherson principle that a racist incident is “any incident which is perceived to be racist by the victim or any other person”, and asserted that crimes and non-crimes of this nature must be “reported, recorded and investigated with equal commitment”
7. UJS campaigns and policy work should be guided by IHRA definition, with HASC considerations, and refer to some key points from the Chakrabarti inquiry
8. UJS should highlight the swift and supportive responses at KCL and UCL, as well as the findings of inquiries into far less responsive institutions at York and
9. Sheffield Hallam, as case studies when working with students' unions, university staff and others across the sector

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS adopt the IHRA definition as its main reference for work combatting antisemitism, see Appendix 1 – https://www.holocaustremembrance.com/sites/default/files/press_release_document_antisemitism.pdf
2. UJS accepts the HASC “clarifications to ensure that freedom of speech is maintained in the context of discourse about Israel and Palestine, without allowing antisemitism to permeate any debate...”
3. It is not antisemitic to criticise the Government of Israel, without additional evidence to suggest antisemitic intent or impact.
4. It is not antisemitic to hold the Israeli Government to the same standards as other liberal democracies, or to take a particular interest in the Israeli Government's policies or actions, without additional evidence to suggest antisemitic intent or impact.

5. UJS directs Labour student societies and left-leaning societies more broadly to the bare minimum standards on antisemitism that were highlighted by the Chakrabarti inquiry, including:
6. “Notwithstanding a vibrant Palestinian solidarity tradition, of all British political parties the Labour Party has the longest and most consistent record of support for Zionism, and the Labour Government quickly moved to recognise the new state of Israel upon its formation in 1948”
7. “Crucially, I have heard testimony and heard for myself first-hand, the way in which the word "Zionist" has been used personally, abusively or as a euphemism for "Jew", even in relation to some people with no stated position or even a critical position on the historic formation or development of modern Israel. This has clearly happened so often over a number of years as to raise some alarm bells in Jewish communities”

Motion Title: CA3 Training for Labour Clubs on anti-Semitism

Proposer's name: Rebecca Filer

Seconder's name: Daniel Katz

What's the idea?

1. To increase awareness of Jewish students on campus, in relation to other faith groups by strengthening ties
2. Labour Clubs and Labour Students over the past year have had to deal with antisemitic incidents, most notably at Oxford University Labour Club.
3. The Royall Report, Chakrabarti Report and Home Affairs Select Committee Report all recognised that antisemitism in the student movement is a particular problem and that it must be tackled.
4. Following these incidents and reports its imperative that UJS leads the way to combat antisemitism in the student movement.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS to work with the Jewish Labour Movement to offer training to Labour Students and Labour Clubs on antisemitism and how to tackle it, as well as educating them on the issues that Jewish students face.
2. To help Labour Students to carry out the recommendations in the Royall, Chakrabarti and HASC reports where appropriate.
3. UJS to work with Labour Students to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day.

Motion Title: CA4 Kosher food

Proposer's name: Kathryn Rose

Seconders name: Sarah Levy

What's the idea?

1. UJS should work to help students to get cheaper kosher food, whether by working with shops to help students obtain deals or discounts on products or delivery, or by helping JSocs or individuals with delivery costs.

How do you want it to happen?

2. Kosher food is necessary for many students and especially for JSoc Shabbat dinners. However, many campuses do not have easy access to kosher food as there is none available in the city and so it must be ordered in from elsewhere.
3. With the recent closure of Titanics, this is going to become harder for many JSocs around the country, as other shops are more expensive and the students and/or societies will need to pay more for delivery.
4. Students who keep kosher should not be put at a financial disadvantage because they cannot buy kosher food locally, and UJS should be working to find a way to help them.

Motion Title: CA3 Campus discussion on Israel-Palestine

Proposer's name: Jonathan Godsi

Seconders name: Izzy Lenga

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 at KCL and UCL.
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 Bristol 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. This group has 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 Bristol's model 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.

Motion Title: CA6 Safe Protest

Proposer's name: Hannah Kaufman

Seconders name: Jamie Isaacson

What's the idea?

1. We fully recognise the right to freedom of expression, and that includes the right to protest, however twice this year students have been evidently intimidated by protesters when hosting Israeli speakers, threatening their safety on campuses.
2. UJS has a duty to ensure that students are able to speak freely in defending the State of Israel's right to exist, and therefore it is vital that UJS are committed to advocating for constructive and non-violent ways for protests to occur.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should seek to guarantee the right for healthy debates to occur, and work with universities to combat violence and forceful attempts to shut down constructive dialogue. Hence, UJS should work with relevant higher education partners to issue guidance that ensures that protests are conducted in a safe manner for all students, and in a way that protects freedom of speech. UJS has a responsibility to protect students ability to express their identity and to be able to attend events on campus without facing threatening opposition, and thus should also give Jewish and Israel Societies appropriate assistance so that this is assured.

Motion Title: CA7 Free Education

Proposer's name: Eran Cohen

Seconder's name: Nicci Shall

What's the idea?

1. Education is a right which should be afforded to all. The TEF will take the cap off tuition fees altogether, and further marketise further education. This will decrease the quality of our education.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS to support NUS in campaigning for free education
2. UJS to organise a Jewish Bloc at the Free Education demonstration
3. UJS to mobilise Jewish students to support the free education movement at their universities

Motion Title: CA8 Project Incubator

Proposer's name: Yoni Stone

Secunder's name: Ben Lewis

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.

Motion Title: CA10 Opposing BDS in all its forms

Proposer's name: Joshua Holt

Seconder's name: Saul Yardley

What's the idea?

1. BDS creates a hostile environment for Jewish students on campus, often resulting in the threat of physical violence and verbal abuse.
2. 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.
3. The BDS movement is duplicitous in its aims, and purposefully conflates legitimate criticisms of Israel with attacks on the Jewish right to selfdetermination as a concept.

How do you want it to happen?

1. 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.
2. We regard this as an outrageous assault on intellectual and academic freedom. We also believe that these discriminatory measures only isolate those elements of Israeli society most supportive of peace.
3. Moreover, as recent events at Kings and UCL 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.
4. 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.
5. We therefore resolve that UJS should be mandated to fight BDS in all its forms, encouraging and advising JSocs to effectively counter the BDS movement on campus if and when necessary.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. The conversation on Israel/Palestine should be conducted in an environment free from intimidation and it is UJS' role to protect Jewish students and facilitate this discussion in a forum free from threat of physical or verbal abuse.

Community

Motion Title: CO1 Establishing regional networks

Proposer's name: Hannah Kaufman

Seconders name: Saul Coleman

What's the idea?

1. Many universities are located nearby each other, however it is a shame that often JSocs can remain isolated or distant. UJS should actively make certain that local JSocs can support each other, and provide a platform to guarantee that JSoc committees can work together in inter-JSoc or regional events.
2. Through establishing a formal regional network, it will further enhance small JSocs by increasing potential to create different events which may not originally be able to come into fruition, as well as ensuring that they can promptly update their members about nearby events. Similarly, when there are large JSoc close together, it is important for them to communicate to prevent events clash or compete with each other.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should commit in ensuring that nearby JSoc Presidents and committees are introduced to each other, especially before terms begin and after JSoc elections.

Motion Title: CO2 Accountability and Transparency for UJS Deputies

Proposer's name: Hannah Rose

Seconder's name: Rebecca Filer

What's the idea?

1. The Board of Deputies of British Jews (BoD) is the representative organisation of the British Jewish community.
2. BoD is comprised of deputies democratically elected from each of its
3. constituent bodies. UJS currently has 11 deputies, some elected each year at UJS Conference
4. Currently there is no way for students to hold their deputies to account
5. There is no official structure by which deputies can interact with students in order to best represent their opinions
6. As UJS is a grassroots democratic organisation, students need more interaction with their elected representative and their actions
7. UJS Deputies should be in better contact with each other, in order to ensure better attendance at plenaries

How do you want it to happen?

1. One deputy should write a short blog after every plenary, to be posted on the UJS website, in order to inform students about BoD meetings and how their deputies are representing them
2. The UJS President or a member of the UJS Sabbatical Team should set up a facebook group where deputies can discuss current affairs at the Board and ensure better attendance at plenaries
3. The UJS President or a member of the UJS Sabbatical Team should notify deputies of the next plenary meeting and ensure that as many deputies as possible can attend
4. UJS should work with its deputies to encourage them to get further involved in
5. BoD democracy, such as running for divisions
6. Students should be allowed to submit questions to the president or ask questions from the floor by the sending them in to the UJS President or UJS

Motion Title: CO4 Combatting the far right

Proposer's name: Eran Cohen

Seconder's name: Lev Taylor

What's the idea?

1. We brought down the BNP and the EDL, but the threat of fascism looms ever larger in the UK. We cannot let racist, antisemitic organisations get a foothold. We have seen such groups come to Stamford Hill and Golders Green. Now more than ever, we must stop them wherever we find them.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS to make available funding and resources for self-defence training for Jewish students and JSocs who request it. UJS to support anti-racist and antifascist groups nationwide such as Hope not Hate.

Motion Title: CO7 Refugee crisis

Proposer's name: Max Sherrard and Nicci Shall

Seconder's name: Hannah Sherrard and Annabel Cohen

What's the idea?

1. UJS must continue its commitment to the refugee crisis.
2. In recent years we have seen a sharp rise in xenophobia and racist attacks against immigrant communities of all creeds and colours, and the shutting down of borders across the Western world. Thousands die trying to cross the Mediterranean, or sit languishing in refugee camps in inhospitable places, or are imprisoned without charge or trial in detention centres. As Jews, we know what it means to be immigrants and refugees, our most important religious and cultural stories are about being refugees and “economic migrants”, both in the ancient and recent past. Just in the last year, Amir Siman-Tov, a Jewish migrant from Morocco, died in Colnbrook detention centre.
3. The passing down of memory is a Jewish tradition stronger than any other; it is the thing that draws a contiguous line from Moses to the Medieval diaspora to us, today. If we forget the lessons of our history, if we fail to welcome and
4. love the stranger as the Torah commands us (אֶת־הַגֵּר וְאֶהְיֶה־לָּם: You shall love the stranger ((Exodus 22:20;23:9. Numbers 9:14;15:16)), then we have failed ourselves and our forebears.
5. In light of this, the UJS should be a voice for migrant solidarity, fight for open borders and equal rights for everyone in this country regardless of where they came from or under what circumstances.

How do you want it to happen?

1. To work with World Jewish Relief on efforts to raise awareness of the refugee crisis; for JSocs to raise awareness of the refugee crisis on campus.
2. The UJS will campaign for an open borders policy that welcomes immigrants and refugees, and for social policy that aims to integrate them into this same society that, after much struggle, Jewish immigrants and refugees also integrated into. The UJS will support migrant solidarity initiatives such as Movement for Justice.

Motion Title: CO9 Welfare in JSocs

Proposer's name: Joshua Berkley

Seconders name: Michael Bower

What's the idea?

1. the current lack of welfare on Jsocs is concerning. Mental health awareness is something that appears to be missing in a number of Jsocs 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 Jsocs do already have a welfare officer but this isn't enough. We must aim to expand this to cover every jsoc. 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 jsoc committee members at the beginning of the (committee) year on different mental health issues and how we can raise awareness
2. Every jsoc 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 jsoc 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. The 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.

UJS and J-Socs

Motion Title: UJ1 Support for International Students

Proposer's name: Devora Khafi

Secunder's name: Asal Reyhanian

- 1. What's the idea?**
- From personal experience of moving to the UK, as well as from hearing other testimonies, there is not much support and attention given to Jewish international students when they move here. Consequently most students fall out of the trend of being involved in jsocs, events, and general Jewish student life as they do not understand or are aware of how the system works. They get lost amongst the array of events that are planned, and are not knowledgeable of the support systems out there during their studies at university for religious or social enquiries. UJS should work towards including more international students in the community.
- 3. How do you want it to happen?**
- There should be a tab on the UJS website specifically for international students to help them in their move
- Around the time of freshers there should be an evening for international students to get to know each other as well as what UJS is and does.
- Jsocs should be encouraged to reach out to international students through an outreach officer/ public stalls on campus and so on

Motion Title: UJ2 UJS' commitment to Holocaust Education

Proposer's name: Hannah Rose and Yoni Stone

Secunder's name: Rebecca Filer and Izzy Lenga

What's the idea?

1. The Holocaust, or Shoah, is the name for the genocide perpetrated by the Nazis against, among others, Jewish people, LGBT+ individuals, people of Roma descent, and disabled people.
2. With the number of Holocaust survivors growing smaller each year, it is more crucial than ever that we work towards hearing their testimonies and educating others on the horrors of the Holocaust.
3. Fascism and other far-right movements are on the rise around the world which makes it even more imperative that we do not forget the destruction that racism and fascism can bring.
4. Holocaust Memorial Day, on January 27, is a global day of commemoration for all the victims of the Holocaust.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should officially commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day by posting blogs and helping organise events.
2. UJS should work with JSocs to ensure that they have all the resources available to be able to host their own HMD events.
3. UJS should work with organisations that promote Holocaust education such as Holocaust Education Trust (HET), Holocaust Memorial Day Trust (HMDT), Yad Vashem, Imperial War Museum and Anne Frank Trust.
4. UJS should ensure that Holocaust education is conducted throughout the year, not just on Yom HaShoah or Holocaust Memorial Day
5. UJS should work with non-Jewish sabbatical officers and students to ensure that Holocaust education is available to all, including running the 'Lessons from Auschwitz' trip in conjunction with HET.
6. UJS should work with NUS to improve the quality and reach of Holocaust education across the entire student population.

Motion Title: UJ3 Accessibility training

Proposer's name: Rebecca Filer

Secunder's name: Chana Bernstein

What's the idea?

1. The UJS to continue to commit to providing compulsory accessibility training for all JSoc committee members and UJS Team members.
2. The UJS to continue to commit to ensuring that UJS national events comply with accessibility training advice.
3. That JSocs should be rewarded for their commitment to making their events as accessible and inclusive as possible.

How do you want it to happen?

1. A professional accessibility training session to be attended by all JSoc Presidents and Events Officers, whether this be an independent event or part of Summit on an annual basis.
2. The UJS Team attend an annual professional accessibility training session so that they are fully aware of how to make their events as accessible as possible.
3. A UJS Guide to Accessibility and Inclusivity be written and published by UJS. This should be provided to all Committee Members of JSocs so that they can ensure all events are in line with its advice.
4. That JSocs or individuals which have committed most positively and effectively to Liberation values of Accessibility and Inclusivity should be honoured at the annual UJS Awards.
5. UJS to continue to run an annual Liberation Conference following the success of the 2016 Conference.

Motion Title: UJ5 Make registering for UJS more inclusive

Proposer's name: Louise Cohen

Secunder's name: Liora Goldberg

What is the idea?

1. UJS is committed to inclusivity and is consistently improving on this.
2. However, the UJS website is currently written in a manner that is suited to a certain expectation of a student's profile.
3. Therefore when registering, some of the fields required on the form are not as inclusive as they ought to be.
4. Other fields, such as 'gender' do offer multiple non-binary options and welcome this, and this amendment is intended to further the inclusiveness fostered by this field.
5. The fields to change include but are not limited to the field asking about parents' details (can be alienating to orphans, mature students and so on) and the field asking about the student's university (can be alienating to those studying at further education colleges or apprentices and so on).

How do you want it to happen?

1. Change 'parent' to 'emergency contact', with an explanation that this can be a parent/guardian/relative, partner, child or trusted friend whom the student would be happy to have contacted in an emergency, should one arise whilst the student is at a UJS or J-Soc event
2. Change 'university' to 'accrediting institution', with an explanation that this can be a university, college, or any other course provider
3. Any other changes felt appropriate by the Sabbatical Team that are clearly intended to increase inclusiveness and make sure that the registration process is welcoming for all
4. The entire registration document to be checked for suitability and inclusiveness by a specialist, volunteer or other person deemed appropriate by the UJS President and/or Trustees, to make sure that it is as welcoming and inclusive as possible

Motion Title: UJ6 Lets talk about the 'real' no platform

Proposer's name: Izzy Lenga

Secunder's name: Max Sherrard

What's the idea?

1. A key aspect of UJS' mission is to create a safe environment on university campuses for Jewish students and other minority groups to engage in religious and cultural activities.
2. No Platform policies evolved in the 1970s as a specific response to the threat of far-right violence, and were a key tool by which students' unions could deny legitimacy to organisations that included violence, and the incitement of violence and hatred, as part of their political operations.
3. No Platform policies ensured robust debate and exchange of ideas in an environment free from fear and physical intimidation.
4. UJS has long been a supporter of clear and explicit No Platform policies.
5. No Platform policies have gone beyond protecting students from speakers who incite violence and hatred and have been used to restrict free speech and silence debate on university campuses, by denying a platform to speakers on the basis that their views were perceived to be offensive or disagreeable.
6. There is a need to redefine what the 'real' No Platform means.
7. Banning speakers on this basis risks discrediting No Platform policies and thus diminishes their value in protecting students from individuals and organisations that propagate violence and incite hatred.
8. Freedom of speech is a democratic right that must be upheld by our students' unions and universities.
9. Clear and precise No Platform policies continue to have a role in the fight against violent racism, fascism and other forms of discrimination.
10. No Platform, Safe Space and other similar policies should not be used for censorship. Any attempt to do so is self-defeating.
11. UJS stands with colleagues in the student movement to fight discrimination and prejudice that exists on campuses as a reflection of broader society.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS will only continue to support the denial of a platform to a speaker where that would protect students from the threat of, and incitement of, violence and hatred. That includes those who have a history of inciting violence and hatred, or who may be members or associates of groups that incite violence and hatred.
2. UJS will work with others in the student movement to oppose the current wave of censorship, promote free speech while challenging offensive and inflammatory speakers.
3. UJS will support the No Platform for the organisations listed by the NUS.



4. Offensive and/or controversial opinions should be defeated by being vigorously challenges and debated, rather than silenced.
5. UJS will work with others in the student movement to challenge controversial speakers.
6. UJS will work with its Jewish student members, and its allies to campaign, educate and debate in order to create a more tolerant environment on campus today and for future generations.
7. UJS will release a statement reaffirming its commitment to No Platform

Motion Title: UJ7 Bring the UJS 'app' to scratch

Proposer's name: Elise Abrahams

Seconders name: Gemma Adams

What's the idea?

1. Jewish students often leave it to the last minute to buy tickets for JSoc events
2. This makes it difficult for committees to prepare for these events as they don't know how many to cater for, what size room to book and so on
3. This is especially problematic for Friday night dinners, since it happens weekly
4. One of the reasons that students leave it to the last minute is that the UJS website makes it a laborious process to buy tickets
5. An app with a one-click to purchase, where the student's personal details and banking details are saved, would make it much easier for students to buy tickets
6. A UJS app will therefore have two positive effects:
7. Increase attendance at JSoc events since students will be able to buy tickets more easily and will therefore be more inclined to do so
8. Make it easier for the JSoc committee to know in advance how many students will be attending their events so they can prepare more efficiently, making it less stressful for the committee

How do you want it to happen?

1. The UJS Team (Communications Officer and anyone else relevant) will look into creating a UJS app that is available for iOS and Android
2. The app will have the ability for students to purchase tickets to UJS and JSoc events
3. Other facilities of the app may include, but are not limited to: voting in UJS elections, sending a notification to students if their JSoc adds a new event, contacting your JSoc officer and contacting the UJS President

Motion Title: UJ8 Timing of JSoc elections

Proposer's name: Hannah Kaufman

Seconder's name: Michali Belovski

What's the idea?

1. UJS should advise all Jewish Societies to hold elections for the senior positions (President, Chair etc) in the spring or summer term, so that the elects starting their positions by September. This allows the senior positions to have the entire summer to begin thinking and planning ideas for the year ahead, as well as enabling these students to benefit from training programs such as Time to Lead. This also will help all JSocs to work together on the same time frame, which can provide JSoc leaders to build connections that will last the whole year long, so that all JSocs at events like Summit will be in a similar mindset.
2. Similarly, this will ensure that students are more adept in drawing from their personal experience of the dynamics of both the JSoc community and events, as well as having more established networks and knowledge of the campus environment itself.
3. Another main benefit behind this is that it expands the pool of candidates for all positions, as students could stand for committee positions in their 1st or 2nd year, to be on more leading roles on the committee in 2nd or 3rd year. It is often a concern that 2nd year students and above do not have the opportunity to remain as active within JSocs which prevents events being fully inclusive, and thus this can help ensure that all students remain a part of JSoc until they graduate.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS will advise JSocs that have elections in November to move the senior elections to a later time in the year, which will usually be between March and June, and winning candidates will take up their positions at the start of the academic year.
2. UJS will help to guide JSocs during any transition phases to ensure it is a smooth process.
3. The exact decision of the election times will still continue to remain at the discretion of the individual JSoc itself.

Motion Title: UJ9 Support for smaller JSocs

Proposer's name: Avram Sanger

Seconder's name: Binyomin Gilbert

What's the idea?

1. Smaller Jewish societies struggle to recruit members
2. Small Jewish societies don't receive enough support to host events such as speakers, Friday night dinners or socials.
3. UJS will recognise that the allotment of a budget per head and member of Jsoc doesn't work for smaller societies

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS will directly email students their Jsoc presidents and societies groups details.
2. UJS will also inform the President how many Jewish students there are in their university and help connect willing student's to their Jsoc
3. UJS will allot a set amount of monetary funds for events across the board which makes it viable to host events such as Friday night dinners and increase the budget in societies where more members attend
4. UJS will recognise that smaller Jewish societies need more targeted help in reaching out and creating a member base and will send a representative to the fresher's fayre at the beginning of the university year to aid the president in recruiting members
5. UJS will help smaller Jewish societies partner up and help them create and run events

Motion Title: UJ11 UJS Democracy

Proposer's name: Avram Sanger

Secunder's name: Sam Alfasi

What's the idea?

1. The current UJS constitution supports these points, this declaration is just an affirmation of the current principles.
2. Currently:
3. UJS Presidential candidates can run on platforms contradicting approved motions
4. UJS Presidential candidates can take a stance on controversial issues that haven't been discussed in conference
5. UJS Presidential candidates can misrepresent the electorate at official functions by representing their own opinions and not the electorates
6. Therefore; This motion will uphold the key values of democracy and hold the President accountable to the electorate

How do you want it to happen?

1. Recognise that motions and the constitution are binding
2. Recognise and uphold decisions made at conference despite conflicting presidential opinions
3. Re-affirm that the UJS President has a mandate to act on behalf of voters
4. Re-affirm that the President needs to defend the values that UJS stand for

Motion Title: UJ13 Elections on Shabbat

Proposer's name: Yoni Stone

Secunder's name: Ben Lewis

What's the idea?

1. Voting for UJS elections to close over Shabbat (appropriate times such that all of UK and Ireland is covered).

How do you want it to happen?

1. This motion is not with the aim of enforcing observance upon members.
2. This motion aims to ensure that observant students do not feel like they are disadvantaged when it comes to their campaign.

Many potential candidates would feel uncomfortable encouraging members to vote on the sabbath and may feel that as a result they lose pace in the race as a result.

Constitution

Motion Title: CN2 National Executive Committee

Proposer's name: Josh Seitler

Seconder's name: Sally Patterson

What is the idea?

1. It is our opinion that the current structure of National Council is no longer fit for purpose. Whilst the initial intentions of the proposal for a split National Council, with National Portfolio Officers and a National Advisory Board, was noble, in reality has not proven to be the most effective way of holding the president to account. We are also concerned that the current structure does not fully reflect UJS' commitment to peer-leadership. This motion emphasises the importance of National Council providing feedback to the President from campus as well bringing student initiatives directly to the President and aiding the President and Sabbatical Team in fulfilling those needs. Rather than having labelled Portfolio Officers, these changes allow National Council to respond to the constantly changing agendas on campus and working as a team to address ongoing issues on campus. National Council will also be crucial in holding the President to account and ensure that the UJS' core principles are adhered to This mechanism utilises the value of peer-leadership as well as offer support for the President. - It is our intention that these changes will help to keep UJS peer-led and dynamic and accountable to the students it represents

How do you want it to happen?

Leave out article 7 of the Constitution and insert new clauses as follows:

- 7 National Executive Committee
 - 7.1 The National Executive Committee shall exist of the following groups.
 - 7.1.1 The Sabbatical Team.
 - 7.1.2 The National Council.
 - 7.2 The Sabbatical Team
 - 7.2.1 The Sabbatical Team shall be responsible for executing the policy of the Union.
 - 7.2.2 The Sabbatical Team shall report to the President.

7.2.3 The President shall be responsible for determining the structure and size of the Sabbatical Team.

7.2.4 The President shall be responsible for appointing the Sabbatical Team.

7.2.5 The Sabbatical Team shall comprise staff responsible for, but not limited to:

7.2.5.1 Campaigns

7.2.5.2 Development

7.3 The National Council

7.3.1 The National Council shall be responsible for:

7.3.2 Scrutinising the decisions made by the President.

7.3.1.2 Ratifying amendments to the Bye-Laws.

7.3.2.2 The term of National Council shall be the same as the sabbatical officers and the UJS president i.e. June-June.

7.3.1.3 Ensuring the President upholds the core values of the Union.

7.3.1.4 Provides feedback from students to the President about student initiatives and the reputation of the Union.

7.3.1.5 National Council should focus on, but not be limited to, topics such as: social action, liberation, communication, education and inclusivity.

7.3.2 National Council shall consist of 5 students elected at UJS Conference for the term of one year.

7.3.2.1 Two spaces on National Council shall be reserved for self- defining women.

7.3.3 It is for National Council to decide on a chairperson to lead meetings and to publicise statements after each meeting. This chair should be elected at the first National Council meeting of the year.

7.3.4 National Council shall meet with the president at least once during an academic term, with a minimum of three meetings during an academic year.

7.3.5 The President holds no vote at National Council meetings in circumstances of scrutiny.

Notes: As a constitutional amendment, this motion requires a twothirds supermajority to be passed. If this motion is passed before CN3 has been discussed, it will pre-empt the amendments proposed by CN3 to article 7 of the Constitution with the exception of the amendment to add the President to the membership list of the National Executive Committee.

Motion Title: CN3 Constitutional review

Proposer's name: Yoni Stone

Secunder's name: Josh Nagli

What do we want? / How do you it to happen?

The attached constitutional amendments are adopted.

Notes: As a constitutional amendment, this motion requires a two-thirds supermajority to be passed

See notes to CN1 and CN2 for details pf how parts of this motion may be pre-empted