

# **Biography and Manifesto**

## **About me**

I'm Anthony Bolchover, a 3<sup>rd</sup> year Mathematics student at the University of Birmingham. I have always been a passionate advocate for Jewish students. This has manifested through my current role as a CAMERA on Campus Fellow, and as the Chair of the Birmingham Israel Society, a student-led initiative dedicated to educating the wider population around the modern Jewish state. Outside of Birmingham, I am a delegate for UJS on the Board of Deputies of British Jews. My communal work has been recognised by the Jewish News, in which I featured in their '25 under 25' list of young Jewish leaders.

## **Comprehensive COVID Strategy**

- Assist JSocs who wish to register FND venues as restaurants
- Offer UJS virtual speaker tours that JSocs can co-host
- Help register JSoc spaces as educational centres to allow in-person COVID-secure events
- Work with University Jewish Chaplaincy and local Chabad centres across the country to ensure Jewish students have access to Shabbat meal deliveries whilst in lockdown and quarantine

## **Budget Review**

- Pledge to invest at least 15% of the annual budget on JSoc Committees across the country. Those students will have full control over how the allocated funds are spent
- Establish a cross-sectional working group of Jewish students to advise UJS on financial priorities
- Set up a careers network and organise an annual workshop to help students with their next steps after graduation
- Create a network to connect international Jewish students studying in the UK and Ireland

## **Mental Health**

- Guarantee accessibility to mental health professionals for all Jewish students
- Ensure mental health facilities are available to Jewish students, no matter what and no matter when
- Work with Jami and the current communal infrastructure to advance mental health awareness on campus
- Offer mental health awareness training to all JSocs

## **Antisemitism**

- Increase investment in countering antisemitism on campus, including BDS and anti-Zionist activity. Combatting the rise of extremist voices in society at their roots.
- Tackling hateful rhetoric and behaviour emanating from hard-left, white and black supremacist or Islamist circles. Being unafraid to call out every type of anti-Jewish bigotry, irrespective of manifestation, with meaningful force and robust clarity
- Building on the IHRA campaign to ensure Jewish students feel safe and welcome at every institution. Work with government to lobby universities so the definition is adopted universally