

UJS Conference 2021 Motions

UJS & J-Socs (UJ)

Motion Title: UJ15 Becoming a Real Living Wage Employer

Proposer's name Sophie Hasenson

Proposer's J-Soc: Sussex

Seconder's name: Toby Kunin

Seconder's J-Soc: Warwick

What's the idea?

1. UJS employs new graduates who work incredibly hard for the benefit of all students, some of whom have to move to London to work, which can be financially straining.
2. UJS also employs other staff and many contractors such as cleaners and other workers.
3. The UK's current "Living Wage" is a minimum wage which does not reflect the accurate cost of living, especially in London. The "Real Living Wage" is a research based wage calculated and defined by the Living Wage Foundation as an accurate representation of the cost of living, with a different weighting for London.
4. For example, for a 21 year old graduate the Government minimum wage is £8.36 an hour whereas the research based Real Living Wage is £11.05 in London.
5. Research has found that paying the "Real Living Wage" encourages more applications for jobs and with less concern over living costs staff work harder. Concerns about expenses and living costs should not put highly skilled graduates whose families do not live in London off applying for the job and should not stop UJS staff working to their full potential.
6. The Living Wage Foundation also provide support to aid organisations in putting the Real Living Wage into place without financially harming the organisation. Current Living Wage Employers include companies such as IKEA and small, city based charities.

How do you want it to happen?

1. For UJS to endeavour to become a "Real Living Wage Employer" within the next three years. This involves paying all permanent staff the Real Living Wage and involves working towards a plan to pay contracted staff the Real Living Wage in new and renewed contracts.
2. This should also involve a moral responsibility of UJS to work towards paying all employees fairly for every hour they are required to work in order to do their jobs sufficiently.

Motion Title: UJ11 Representation of Sephardi/Mizrahi Jewish Traditions at UJS

Proposer's name Guy Dabby-Joory

Proposer's J-Soc: Oxford

Seconded's name: Joel Azulay

Seconded's J-Soc: Queen Mary

What's the idea?

1. Sephardi Jews are the oldest Jewish community in the UK and Bevis Marks is the oldest synagogue in continuous use in the UK
2. The need for better representation of Sephardi/Mizrahi culture already led to a focus group in 2017
3. At important events such as the UJS Summit 2018 there was no Sephardi/Mizrahi service, prayer or tune, although even the Senior Rabbi of the S&P Sephardi Community of the UK was present
4. Furthermore, UJS does not discuss the inequalities that we face both in the Jewish community and in wider society. It is vital to the health of UJS' cross-communal and representative values that this changes

How do you want it to happen?

1. Make sure more Sephardi/Mizrahi tunes and prayers are included in services at UJS events. This may include encouraging service leaders to include some Sephardi/Mizrahi tunes in services, or organising a Sephardi/Mizrahi service if there is enough demand.
2. Wherever possible, include one Sephardi dish at Shabbat meals.
3. Ensure non-Ashkenazi siddurim, such as Birkat Shelomo or the "Daily and occasional prayers" used by S&P in London, are bought by UJS for events
4. Encourage J-Socs to invite Sephardi/Mizrahi speakers, make services and events inclusive of Sephardi/Mizrahi traditions, and help J-Socs run events on Sephardi/Mizrahi traditions
5. If there are enough Sephardi/Mizrahi students present, sing Bendigamos in addition to Birkat Hamazon at UJS events
6. Run events on Sephardi/Mizrahi cultures, for example music, films, clothing and food/history/teachings and halakha
7. Commemorate the expulsion of Spanish Jewry and of Jews from Arab Countries
8. Work with Sephardi and Mizrahi groups, such as Spanish and Portuguese synagogues, to make their spaces friendly and accessible to students

Motion Title: UJ7 Extra Funding for Smaller J-Socs

Proposer's name Daniel Burns

Proposer's J-Soc: UEA

Secunder's name: Tristan Benhamou

Secunder's J-Soc: Goldsmiths

What's the idea?

1. Due to economies of scale it is often more expensive to put on events at smaller J-Socs (fewer than 50 members) than it would be at a larger J-Soc
2. Often times this forces these J-Socs to charge more per head for an event
3. As a result the growth of these J-Socs are hindered because fewer Jewish students go to J-Soc events
4. With a lack of growth, smaller J-Socs cannot reach the size where their costs per head will decrease

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS will provide smaller J-Socs (fewer than 50 members) with extra funding in order to facilitate their growth and engage a larger proportion of Jewish students on these campuses.

Motion Title: UJ25 Creation of a London J-Soc Forum

Proposer's name Joel Azulay

Proposer's J-Soc: Queen Mary

Secunder's name: Jordan Passe

Secunder's J-Soc: Imperial

What's the idea?

1. Despite being in close proximity, the 20+ J-Socs in London each have their own committees, organise their own events, and often work independently of each other
2. Although there are many students in London, cross-city events run solely by the J-socs are rare due to difficulties in communication between them
3. More collaboration between London J-Socs would allow more events, bringing more students together and sharing the burden of organising
4. More collaboration between London J-Socs would also allow resources and knowledge to be shared as these J-Socs face similar issues on campus
5. UJS should support J-Socs in London in collaborating so that they can work more effectively with each other

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should create a London J-Soc Forum, which should meet a minimum of six times a year
2. The London J-Soc Forum should include one representative from each J-Soc from universities in the Greater London area
3. A Chair and two Vice-Chairs of the Forum should be elected on a yearly basis by the members of the forum.
4. UJS should work closely with the London J-Soc Forum, helping them organise meetings and cross-city events, to bring the most students together.

Motion Title: UJ9 Improving Access to Kosher Food at Small or Remote J-Socs

Proposer's name Daniel Burns

Proposer's J-Soc: UEA

Secunder's name: Itamar Maysnar

Secunder's J-Soc: Swansea

What's the idea?

1. Smaller and more remote Jewish societies often have limited access to kosher food. Often times the lack of access to Kosher food is due to a lack of knowledge of where to buy it from
2. Improving access to kosher food allows more religious Jewish students to live an observant Jewish lifestyle at their university

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS will survey students to find out where Kosher food can be bought and create a publicly accessible database that students and J-Socs can use to find Kosher food in their local area
2. UJS will work with Chaplaincy and similar organisations to provide Kosher food to J-Socs where there is otherwise no access

Motion Title: UJ5 Neurodiversity and Inclusion

Proposer's name Dora Hirsh and Katie Freedman

Proposer's J-Soc: Sheffield

Seconder's name: Xander Ross

Seconder's J-Soc: Manchester

What's the idea?

1. Being neurodivergent in a world built for neurotypical people can be disabling, and J-Socs are not always as accessible as they could be to neurodivergent students.
2. Neurodiversity refers to the natural diversity between individuals regarding the way they process information, communicate, think, express emotions, manage their attention, and respond to the world.
3. People who vary more widely than average in ways that significantly impact them can be called 'neurodivergent'. Examples of neurodivergence are autism, ADHD and processing disorders.
4. Neurodivergent students often require additional support and accommodations to engage and participate in J-Soc events. Educating J-Soc committees and members in accommodating and supporting the needs of neurodivergent members can ensure they are not only accepted, but embraced and valued.
5. Many neurodivergent people like who they are and do not want to change this part of themselves. We note that neurodivergent people are more likely to be excluded, picked on, misunderstood or spoken about unkindly by their peers. Sadly, this does happen at J-Socs as well.
6. Historically, women, AFAB people and people of colour have been underdiagnosed and overlooked regarding neurodivergence. Many will have struggled most of their lives without support for their difficulties, and may only be diagnosed during their time at university.
7. J-Socs should be aware that some neurodivergent people may be new to advocating for themselves and learning about their needs.

How do you want it to happen?

1. J-Soc Inclusions Officers (or equivalent positions) should receive training specific to neurodiversity and disability so they can ensure that all J-Soc events are genuinely inclusive and accessible.
2. This training should always be delivered by neurodivergent and disabled students, or organisations that include neurodivergent and disabled people at their centre.
3. All J-Soc events must be planned with inclusion and accessibility in mind. For neurodivergent students, this might include: creating and maintaining a quiet area at events, and providing details such as timetables of events, menus, noise levels ('social stories').

4. All support directed towards neurodivergent students will be aimed at empowering them to make decisions for themselves.
5. UJS affirms that neurodivergent students know themselves and their needs best, and can thrive when empowered to create an environment that works for them.
6. UJS will encourage and support individual J-Socs to run sessions to educate their members on disability and neurodiversity, to help foster an environment of friendship and inclusion.
7. Noting that most disabled and neurodivergent people prefer 'identity first' language, UJS and J-Socs will always use identity first language unless an individual has expressed a different preference. For example 'autistic person' is preferable to 'person with autism'.
8. UJS will condemn any organisation which promotes 'cures' for neurodivergence, treatments which do not respect the individual's sense of self, or ABA 'therapies' as hate groups, and as such, will never work with them.
9. UJS will actively check that organisations do not fall into these categories before working with them.
10. UJS affirms that neurodivergent and disabled students are valued and loved members of the Jewish community, and condemns all forms of ableism.

Motion Title: UJ32 UJS for ALL Jewish students

Proposer's name Toby Kunin

Proposer's J-Soc: Warwick

Seconders name: David Bush

Seconders J-Soc: Warwick

What's the idea?

1. Acknowledging that all Jewish Students should feel welcome at their Jewish Societies, not just those that align to a certain set of political beliefs
2. Noting that in many cases there have been patterns of exclusion and abuse towards Jewish students who do not identify as Zionist
3. Recognising that the UJS constitution contains 'Israel engagement' and 'political pluralism' at its core, rather than a specific commitment to Zionism
4. Recognising that Zionism means many different things to many different people, and that there is no correct or incorrect definition

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS to draft guidance for J-Socs on how to ensure the inclusion of all Jewish students on their campuses, regardless of their identification with Zionism
2. UJS to explicitly recognise exclusion based on Zionism or lack thereof as a breach of the Code of Conduct clause pertaining to 'emotionally abusive [and] offensive' behaviour and to treat instances of such as seriously as any other breach
3. UJS to use its official social media platforms to explicitly reach out to non-Zionist Jewish students, reassuring them that J-Socs are places for them too, and explaining the steps above
4. UJS to ensure representation on panels and at events for the 40 percent of Jews in the UK, including many Jewish students, who do not identify themselves as Zionist.

Motion Title: UJ2 Make Convention Happen at an Accessible Time for All

Proposer's name: Kesem Iglinsky- Frenkel

Proposer's J-Soc: Glasgow

Seconders name: Abel Keszler

Seconders J-Soc: Glasgow

What's the idea?

1. Convention is a time for us to meet fellow Jews across the UK as well as be involved with UJS policies and procedures.
2. As Jewish students in Scotland we miss the opportunity to go to convention as this occurs over our exam diet.
3. This results in us being left out of the loop for UJS events.
4. We propose that convention is moved to a time which is accessible for all, so it doesn't fall on the exam diet in Scotland or England.

How do you want it to happen?

1. For the organisers of convention to speak to students at both English and Scottish universities and co-ordinate a time which works for both parties.
2. Provide a platform where students can join online so that if they are unable to attend in person they are able to partake in the voting of motions.

Motion Title: UJ4 To Create Regional Boards for J-Soc Representation

Proposer's name Melanie Goldberg

Proposer's J-Soc: Glasgow

Seconder's name: Ella Lambert

Seconder's J-Soc: Edinburgh

What's the idea?

1. Since Covid, J-Socs have been collaborating more online together, however more needs to be done in person
2. Some of the issues J-Socs face are regional specific, and it would be easier to work with other J-Socs in those regions

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS and J-Socs to set up regional boards, specifically for Scotland, Wales and Ireland
2. The other regional boards can be set up based on the geography and linkages already created through shared Chaplains
3. Each region to have a dedicated sabbatical officer to best support them

Motion Title: UJ6 UJS Law Network

Proposer's name Theo Robin

Proposer's J-Soc: Warwick

Seconder's name: Sadie Jacob

Seconder's J-Soc: Surrey

What's the idea?

1. To support Jewish students interested in pursuing a career in law by providing a forum for them to engage with legal professionals.
2. Becoming a lawyer is incredibly competitive whilst Jewish students studying at legal institutions do not have a Jewish society/network to benefit from.
3. To celebrate and recognise the accomplishments of Jews in the legal profession.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS to support the UJS Law Network that will be run by students.
2. UJS to use its resources to help support the network to attract speakers and to host events.
3. UJS to support the Network's fellowship scheme that will aid Jewish students in becoming more attractive law candidates by awarding fellows a certificate of completion at the annual UJS Awards

Motion Title: UJ8 UJS to Support Art Students

Proposer's name Daniel Burns

Proposer's J-Soc: UEA

Seconders name: Tsofia Lauber

Seconders J-Soc: University of the Arts London

What's the idea?

1. The number of Jewish art students in the UK is relatively low and they are spread out across the country
2. At the present time there is no way for Jewish art students to contact one another or showcase their art within the Jewish community

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS will provide Jewish art students with a way to contact one another
2. UJS will provide Jewish art students with access to prominent Jewish artists
3. UJS will provide Jewish art students with the opportunity to showcase their work to the wider Jewish community

Motion Title: UJ10 Social Action Network

Proposer's name Sara Felberg

Proposer's J-Soc: UCL

Seconder's name: Jessica Baker

Seconder's J-Soc: Leeds

What's the idea?

1. I propose that this year a 'social action network' is created as a sub-set of the UJS organisation.
2. This group will focus on both national and international activism to support those who need it most.

How do you want it to happen?

1. Working with the relevant sabbatical officer and a group of students from across the UK will form the group.
2. UJS will help support the group and ensure that their aims are being met.
3. Protest, rallies ect. the group or attending or have organised will be widely publicised on UJS social media for others to attend if they wish.
4. Create opportunities for students to get involved with social activism on a wide range of issues
5. The network will work with all relevant students and groups to ensure UJS focuses on tangible actions they can take to support social action issues across the world

Motion Title: UJ12 Defending Balfour Declaration

Proposer's name Bella Jackson

Proposer's J-Soc: LSE

Seconder's name: Davina Mahgehrefteh

Seconder's J-Soc: Warwick

What's the idea?

1. UJS will defend the legality of the establishment of the Jewish State, including through the Balfour Declaration.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS will release a statement along the lines of agreeing to the legality of a Jewish state and accepting the Balfour Declaration.

Motion Title: UJ16 UJS @ Pride

Proposer's name Ariel Simble

Proposer's J-Soc: Leeds

Secunder's name: Joel Rosen

Secunder's J-Soc: Cambridge

What's the idea?

1. As a cross-communal organisation, it is important that UJS celebrates LGBT+ culture and demonstrates publically its support for students from marginalised identities.
2. This commitment to allyship and solidarity is shown throughout the year through the liberation network/ conference and with LGBT+ inclusion and celebration training at Summit.
3. Pride is one of the most prominent ways in which UJS can celebrate LGBT+ identity and culture, and as a prominent voice in the Jewish community, it is imperative that UJS has a visible presence.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should continue to participate and organise with youth movements and LGBT+ organisations to have a bloc at London Pride.
2. We should be visible by getting UJS rainbow flags (or similar merch) made.
3. Wherever possible, UJS should participate in other pride marches nationally

Motion Title: UJ17 Including Irish and Northern Irish Students

Proposer's name Jodi Mejury

Proposer's J-Soc: Dublin

Seconder's name: Luke Pätzold

Seconder's J-Soc: Dublin

What's the idea?

1. It is difficult for Irish students to engage properly with and feel supported by UJS given the fact that UJS is a UK-based organisation.
2. A residential weekend/summit in Ireland or Northern Ireland would help to support Irish students, giving us a chance to build relationships with each other and bring two small Jewish communities together under UJS.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should facilitate a residential Shabbaton weekend in Ireland/Northern Ireland every year for the Dublin and Belfast J-Socs to meet up, strengthening the bond between Jewish students that don't live in mainland UK.

Motion Title: UJ18 Motion to Reduce Waste at J-Soc Events

Proposer's name Naomi Reiter

Proposer's J-Soc: Oxford

Seconder's name: Guy Dabby-Joory

Seconder's J-Soc: Oxford

What's the idea?

1. J-Socs should aim to be more environmentally conscious

How do you want it to happen?

1. This can be done by aiming for using reusable cutlery, cups, and plates at events wherever possible

Motion Title: UJ19 Mental Health Awareness Shabbat

Proposer's name Hedva Engle

Proposer's J-Soc: Manchester

Secunder's name: Boruch Michaels

Secunder's J-Soc: Manchester

What's the idea?

1. UJS' current policy is to make mental health resources available to all students through our website. Whilst this is a good step, more work needs to be done on campus to promote positive wellbeing for Jewish students.
2. UJS should provide resources for campuses to hold a student mental health awareness Shabbat. This can be in conjunction with, or separate to, a Jami Shabbat on campus.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should create a resource guide for all J-Socs, explaining how to create an inclusive and informative Shabbat for all Jewish students, with a mental health focus.
2. UJS should recommend ways to make this Shabbat exciting and innovative, for example well-being activities, alcohol-free events and panel discussions.

Motion Title: UJ20 Peer Led Liberation Groups

Proposer's name: Ariel Simble

Proposer's J-Soc: Leeds

Seconder's name: Sophie Hasenson

Seconder's J-Soc: Sussex

What's the idea?

1. UJS' peer led liberation groups go only some way to empower the voices of marginalised peoples and champion the fight for equality.
2. It is inappropriate for those who do not define into liberation groups to be leading campaigns and activities, and therefore it is imperative that these networks are peer-led, in line with UJS' core values.
3. The UJS Staff should work to facilitate the realisation of these projects.

How do you want it to happen?

1. Move the liberation groups to a peer-led structure
2. There should be a student led steering group responsible for developing and overseeing the peer led liberation groups.
3. The caucuses should cover groups such as Jews of Colour, LGBTQ+, Women, Disability, and Working Class.
4. These areas covered should be amended as appropriate based on the involvement of people with lived experience.
5. Ensure that the strategy and direction of UJS Liberation Conference is in consultation with students who define in the relevant liberation group.
6. UJS should provide these peer-led liberation groups with a healthy budget to run events on a national and local scale.

Motion Title: UJ21 Supporting J-Socs with Friday Night Dinner

Proposer's name Aimee Harris

Proposer's J-Soc: Birmingham

Seconder's name: Maital Abrahams

Seconder's J-Soc: Leeds

What's the idea?

1. Many J-Socs put on Friday night dinners and shabbat officers have a lot of cooking to do as well as supporting the other members of committee.
2. Finding variety of food to cater for all students can be difficult
3. During the winter months when shabbat comes in early, preparing dinner in advance is difficult. Some J-Socs have been known to burn the soup, or have to compromise and cook food after shabbat has come in.
4. UJS should give more support to the shabbat reps when cooking for FND.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS to create a recipe book for J-Socs to use to help them with easy and simple recipes, targeted at mass cooking and catering for all needs including vegan, vegetarian. This book will also include recipes that don't need the use of an oven or a hob.
2. UJS to provide shomer training for a member of the J-Soc community
3. Sabbatical officers to support shabbat officers in sourcing kosher food
4. Supply hot plates for all J-Socs to ensure the food can be prepared before Shabbat

Motion Title: UJ26 Alumni-Student Networking Events

Proposer's name Joel Azulay

Proposer's J-Soc: Queen Mary

Seconder's name: Alex Ani

Seconder's J-Soc: Leeds

What's the idea?

1. A networking event would connect current students with alumni.
2. An event like this would be invaluable for students looking to find work experience or information in a specific sector.
3. This would also encourage people to remain connected to UJS, once they have finished their degrees.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should commit to hosting a minimum of one such event a term
2. These events should be in the style of careers fairs or networking conferences
3. UJS should commit to hosting the events in different regions, so that its accessible for as many students as possible

Motion Title: UJ27 Secondary School Student Sessions

Proposer's name Joel Azulay

Proposer's J-Soc: Queen Mary

Seconder's name: Alex Ani

Seconder's J-Soc: Leeds

What's the idea?

1. Many secondary school students have an inaccurate understanding of the work UJS does and how that would affect them at university
2. Many secondary school students who attend Jewish schools or schools that contain large Jewish contingents won't be likely to engage with UJS because they believe they already have their 'Jewish support networks'
3. UJS should attempt to form bonds with students before they start at university, so that they can provide an accurate picture of Jewish life on campus and help them settle into Jewish student life

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should commit to reaching out to Jewish secondary schools or Jewish societies at other schools.
2. Where possible, UJS should deliver sessions/assemblies aimed at explaining their role and how they can help Jewish students on campus.
3. These sessions should also contain information about how Jewish students can get involved on campus.
4. Where possible, these sessions should be targeted at older years, primarily years 12 and 13.

Motion Title: UJ34 UJS Not Being a Space for Any Proselytism (Including J-Socs)

Proposer's name Lara Kay

Proposer's J-Soc: Nottingham (Trent)

Seconder's name: Harry Levy

Seconder's J-Soc: Nottingham (UoN)

What's the idea?

1. UJS spaces should not be a place for proselytism. In the past, there have been incidences which have created uncomfortable situations where potential proselytising of other religions has occurred.
2. Proselytism (like Jews for Jesus) is problematic in any scenario. But even more so in a space where young Jewish adults are a big part of an organisation like UJS.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS will not be a space for proselytism. UJS will encourage ALL J-Socs to amend their constitution to include that their society will not be a space for any proselytism. (The opportunity to amend a societies constitution is usually when a new committee takes over).
2. UJS will follow up and support the re-writing of their constitution when every Jewish Society hands over to a new committee.

Campus (CA)

Motion Title: CA18 UJS United Against Racism on Campus

Proposer's name: Toby Kunin

Proposer's J-Soc: Warwick

Seconders' name: Peter Strauss

Seconders' J-Soc: Oxford Brookes

What's the idea?

1. Recognising that our fight against antisemitism on campus is inseparable from the fight against broader racism on campus
2. Accepting that some on the far right have attempted to use the fight against antisemitism as an excuse to not combat other kinds of racism
3. Noting the commonality in experience and frustration between Jewish students and other ethnic minority students at their universities' failures to take their concerns around racism seriously

How do you want it to happen?

1. All IHRA motions worked upon with the consultation of UJS to include a clause explicitly referencing wider problems of racism on campus, with references to specific definitions to improve the situation, for example advocating also for the adoption of the APPG Definition of Islamophobia or the IHRA Definition of antigypsyism/anti-Roma discrimination
2. UJS to actively facilitate conversations between J-Socs and other ethnic minority societies, as well as broader civil society groups from other communities, to make sure this combined fight is most effective
3. UJS to use the opportunities it has with government officials and changemakers to advocate for a holistic approach to fighting racism on campus, supporting partner organisations from across other communities.

Motion Title: CA2 To Continue to Adopt the IHRA Definition of Antisemitism.

Proposer's name: Jasmine San, Jack Lubner and Davina Mahgerefteh

Proposer's J-Soc: UEA, Warwick and Cambridge

Secunder's name: Samuel Pitch, Joel Rosen and Joel Azulay

Secunder's J-Soc: UEA, Cambridge and Queen Mary

What's the idea?

1. The International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance working definition of antisemitism is used by the overwhelming majority of the Jewish community to define contemporary antisemitism. It has also been adopted by the Government, all major political parties in the UK, many public institutions including 100 universities.
2. UJS adopted this definition in 2016, reaffirmed it in 2018 and since has successfully campaigned for the adoption of IHRA at over a hundred universities across the United Kingdom.
3. The IHRA definition highlights the importance of context in understanding what may be antisemitic and provides useful examples. It is not a legal instrument; it simply remains as a tool that can be used for clarifying what is and is not antisemitism and why.
4. However, some universities which have adopted IHRA have continued to fail Jewish students as they lack effective complaints procedures. Therefore, UJS recognises that mere adoption of the definition is not sufficient without following up to ensure it has been successfully implemented. The impact on Jewish students should be the barometer of success for evaluating how successfully IHRA has been implemented on campus.
5. Over the past year, Jewish people's self-definition of antisemitism has seen unprecedented attacks. Both inside and outside of student spaces, factions within both the Jewish community and wider population have sought to undermine and block the IHRA definition.
6. UJS must be clear and active in our response that anything other than the definition of antisemitism that we choose for ourselves is inadequate.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS to reaffirm adoption of the IHRA definition.
2. UJS to actively campaign for Students Unions and Universities to adopt the IHRA definition, in collaboration with individual J-Socs.
3. UJS should run talks and stalls at universities for all students to educate people on the importance of this definition
4. Where appropriate, UJS should lobby other local, national, or international bodies to adopt the IHRA definition.
5. Ensure that the IHRA definition of antisemitism is not misused to shut down legitimate criticism of the Israeli government, as the IHRA itself says: "criticism of Israel similar to that leveled against any other country cannot be regarded as antisemitic".
6. Adopt the position that the IHRA definition is not complete without all its examples.
7. Commit to working with universities after they have adopted IHRA to ensure it is being used effectively.

Motion Title: CA7 Tackling Antisemitism... Proactively

Proposer's name: Edward Isaacs

Proposer's J-Soc: Bristol

Seconder's name: Joel Rosen

Seconder's J-Soc: Cambridge

What's the idea?

1. Antisemitism on campus is a perennial problem for Jewish students. Jewish students deserve a long-term, proactive and robust strategy to combat this antisemitism.
2. While this motion will not create the strategy per se, it will firstly mandate the next UJS President to create such a strategy and secondly, it will outline the key areas the strategy needs to focus on.
3. This strategy is necessary to enable future UJS Presidents to successfully tackle high-profile cases of antisemitism as well as giving UJS the scope to proactively educate all students, both Jewish and non-Jewish about the dangers of antisemitism.

How do you want it to happen?

1. 5 year strategy to combat antisemitism on campus.
2. This strategy will be proactive in nature and will be created alongside key actors including the CST and the Department for Education.
3. The strategy will recognise key structural issues in combatting antisemitism:
 - a. The lack of scope UJS has to educate students from all backgrounds about antisemitism.
 - b. The inadequacy of complaints procedures for students to use.
4. The strategy will be formed with the Department for Education to shape additions to curricula which will educate students about antisemitism in line with the IHRA definition as adopted by the UK Government.
5. The strategy will also be formed alongside the Department for Education and CST to review complaints procedures such that they will effectively deal with both high-profile and student on student cases of antisemitism.
6. In particular, the review should focus upon the principle of antisemitic incidents, rather than entirely focusing upon their impacts as seen currently.

Motion Title: CA6 Misogyny on Campus

Proposer's name: Sara Felberg

Proposer's J-Soc: UCL

Seconder's name: Jessica Baker

Seconder's J-Soc: Leeds

What's the idea?

1. Misogyny and sexual harassment are still rife on campus and UJS needs to ensure the proper support is given to the relevant students.

How do you want it to happen?

1. Events that work to tackle the patriarchal and misogynistic nature of society are supported by UJS. For example, having a 'UJS block' at as many Reclaim the Night Marches as possible.
2. On International Woman's Day, a yearly fundraiser is to be held for a charity of the student's choice in relation to sexual assault on campus or sexual assault generally. The charity will be voted on at conference.
3. UJS work with Safer Dating and Jewish Women's Aid to create workshops across campus' to educate about misogyny and signs of abuse in relationships

Motion Title: CA4 To Combat Antisemitism Amongst the UCU and Academic Bodies

Proposer's name: Dora Hirsh and Noah Katz

Proposer's J-Soc: Sheffield and Lancaster

Seconder's name: Josh Samuel

Seconder's J-Soc: Queen Mary

What's the idea?

1. The impact of the David Miller case has led to many academic bodies and individual lecturers to be more open about their views and has also led to antisemitic incidents.
2. Jewish students are nervous to be open and report these incidents, as they may impact their grades
3. There is a fundamental issue within UCU, of anti-Zionist rhetoric that leads Jewish students and Jewish members of staff to feel isolated and scared on campus

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS to call out academic bodies when they engage with antisemitic speakers
2. UJS to work more closely with Jewish academics to combat antisemitism in UCU

Motion Title: CA3 Holocaust Education

Proposer's name: Olivier Cahn

Proposer's J-Soc: Leicester

Seconder's name: Hedva Engle

Seconder's J-Soc: Manchester

What's the idea?

1. As the survivors of the Shoah sadly fade from the scene, UJS will work to ensure that the memory of the Shoah will remain at the forefront of the consciousness of the Jewish people and the community.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS will continue to affirm the importance of post-Holocaust generations transmitting the memories of the survivors, together with their moral legacies, into the future.
2. UJS will work with community organisations and relevant groups to ensure the continuance of Holocaust Education on campus.
3. In order to ensure the transmittal of Holocaust memory, it is imperative to gear the UJS' programming and activities in this regard to younger generations, and to involve all parts of civil society.
4. UJS is also committed to fight against all manifestations of Holocaust denial, trivialization, or minimization, or any distortion, falsification, or misrepresentation of Holocaust history.

Motion Title: CA5 To Expand Antisemitism Awareness Training to All Senior Management at University Campuses

Proposer's name: Noah Katz

Proposer's J-Soc: Lancaster

Seconder's name: Josh Samuel

Seconder's J-Soc: Queen Mary

What's the idea?

1. The Jewish community is incredibly small and many university staff members may have never met a Jewish person before or ever engaged in some of the Jewish culture
2. Antisemitism as a form of racism, manifests itself differently to other forms of racism and so needs specific understanding and educating
3. Senior management teams, at universities, are key to all decision making and it is important they are aware of the experiences of Jewish students
4. UJS currently runs antisemitism awareness training for Student Unions and Student society committees.

How do you want it to happen?

1. For UJS to expand and refocus the antisemitism awareness training to university senior management.
2. To work with the J-Socs on the campus to deliver the training together

Motion Title: CA8 Eruvs on Campus

Proposer's name: Rafi Kleiman

Proposer's J-Soc: Leeds

Secunder's name: Rafi Davis

Secunder's J-Soc: Leeds

What's the idea?

1. For many J-Socs, Jewish students host Shabbat/Chagim services on campus
2. For Jewish students who do not want to carry on Shabbat this can be very difficult for them to be able to come to services without an eruv.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS and J-Socs to lobby the universities about introducing eruv's on campus and student accommodation to make the Jewish student experience on campus more inclusive.

Motion Title: CA9 Combatting Antisemitism in NUS

Proposer's name: Gavriel Solomons

Proposer's J-Soc: Hertfordshire

Seconder's name: Abbie Saul

Seconder's J-Soc: Birmingham

What's the idea?

1. There is a history of antisemitism within NUS, with Jewish members of the NEC receiving abuse for years due to their Jewish identity. Luciana Berger was famously forced to resign over this.
2. The Home Affairs Select Committee report on Antisemitism in the UK, published in 2016, said the then NUS President's language "smacked of outright racism" after calling Birmingham University "a Zionist outpost".
3. An NUS NEC member resigned in 2018 after comparing Israeli policies to those of the Nazis.
4. NUS endorsed BDS in 2015 and their consistent anti-Israel agenda spreads misinformation, ignores antisemitism related to Israel and contributes to the toxic and antisemitic environment that many Jewish students face on campus.
5. In October 2021, the NUS President spoke alongside infamous antisemite Omar Barghouti at a BDS event.
6. NUS have, to their credit, adopted the IHRA definition of antisemitism, yet despite their claims to be an anti-racist movement with 'zero tolerance' towards antisemitism, the organisation has often failed to put their words into action.
7. NUS' Code of Conduct is not fit for purpose for a 'zero-tolerance' stance on antisemitism, as it only covers full time staff or volunteers at NUS events. Therefore, if a non-paid elected representative of NUS posts an antisemitic statement online, which violates NUS' own definition of antisemitism, this is permitted under NUS code of conduct.
8. For the NUS Code of Conduct to be fit for purpose, it is imperative NUS update their code of conduct to include the actions of NUS volunteers outside of NUS events.
9. It is likely that if UJS had not in the past put significant pressure on NUS, antisemitism would not have been dealt with in a satisfactory manner. Such pressure includes advocating for the adoption of the IHRA definition at NUS conference in 2017. Before this, NUS had used the EUMC working definition since 2000.
10. Since Motion CA4 was passed in 2018, UJS has not managed to successfully lobby NUS to satisfy that motion's concerns, therefore it is important that UJS continues to work to make NUS a body that Jewish students can be confident both represents and does not tolerate racism towards them.

How do you want it to happen?

1. Mandate UJS to fight antisemitism within NUS and the wider student movement.
2. Mandate UJS to put pressure on NUS to update their Code of Conduct to include the actions of NUS volunteers outside of NUS events.
3. For UJS to put pressure on NUS to follow through with its adoption of the IHRA definition by tackling “new” antisemitism (antisemitism related to Israel).
4. For UJS to continue to work with those in the student movement who stand with Jewish students against antisemitism.
5. For UJS to make a particular effort to reach out to groups who represent students facing other forms of racism, and work towards having a better and more constructive relationship with these groups.

Motion Title: CA10 The Placement of a Siddur in Every Religious Space on Campus.

Proposer's name: Boruch Michaels

Proposer's J-Soc: Manchester

Seconder's name: Shalom Treblow

Seconder's J-Soc: Manchester

What's the idea?

1. The placement of a Siddur in every religious space on campus so that at any time, students will be able to pray in time of need. It is important that religious spaces are open and able to accommodate every religion.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should provide a Siddur with English in every religious space on every UK campus.

Motion Title: CA12 Taking a Proactive Approach to Fighting Antisemitism

Proposer's name: Joel Azulay

Proposer's J-Soc: Queen Mary

Seconder's name: Guy Dabby-Joory

Seconder's J-Soc: Oxford

What's the idea?

1. It is tempting to respond to antisemitism by reacting to incidents when they occur instead of proactively working to prevent them from occurring
2. UJS already does good work on training SUs and NUS leadership in accordance with Policy CA1 from 2019, but this should go further
3. Antisemitism awareness training in freshers week was piloted in Oxford in October, and was very successful, with sessions delivered to over 600 students by Oxford J-Soc with UJS' help
4. Many cases of small-scale antisemitic incidents on campus are due partly to lack of awareness instead of pure malice
5. The training of freshers to be aware of antisemitism and be good allies for Jewish students is both important and effective

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should strongly urge J-Socs to hold antisemitism awareness sessions in freshers week for incoming students
2. UJS should work with J-Socs, SUs, and universities to ensure that these sessions are compulsory for as many students as possible
3. Where possible, UJS should train J-Soc committees in delivering these sessions so that they will be as effective and accurate as possible.

Motion Title: CA13 UJS Commitment in Combatting Xenophobia Towards Israelis

Proposer's name: Abbie Saul

Proposer's J-Soc: Queen Mary

Seconder's name: Davina Mahgerefteh

Seconder's J-Soc: Warwick

What's the idea?

1. On UK campuses, discussions on the Arab-Israeli conflict have largely been sensationalist with many advocating for cultural, economic, and social boycotts. Such attitudes and actions have been attributed to hostility towards Israeli civilians based on their nationality.
2. Israelis have been the subject of vile dehumanisation, for example only recently with Eli Kay, a 26-year-old murdered by a Hamas terrorist in Jerusalem. Students and popular social media accounts were calling him an illegal settler, blaming him for getting murdered and subsequently defending the Hamas terrorist. The Jewish community was unable to mourn in peace with large sums of people– including students - celebrating his death.
3. This was also seen during the stampede in Hebron which saw the death of 41 Jews.
4. Many students promote the idea that Jews are illegal occupiers that come from Poland/ even propagate the Khazar myth. This is irrespective of the origins of the Jewish diaspora and our identity as an ethnic religion. Telling Jews to 'return' to the countries that violently kicked them out/ were heavily persecuted is morally reprehensible.
5. UJS is an organisation that has a zero-tolerance policy towards bigotry, that same standard must be applied for all peoples irrespective of their nationality.
 - a. With half the world's Jewry residing in Israel, UJS has a moral and social responsibility to defend Israeli civilians from abuse.
6. UJS must recognise that condemnations of antisemitism which include caveats and exclusion clauses that legitimise and attempt to justify antisemitism - especially pertaining to Israeli Jews - should not be accepted as a serious condemnation.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS must commit it's time to educate students on Israeli society demonstrating it as a politically and culturally diverse civilisation.
2. UJS must conduct outreach to both Jewish and non-Jewish students educating about the origins of the Jewish diaspora and our classification as an ethnoreligious group, utilising appropriate Jewish leaders and educators.
3. UJS must ensure their fight against antisemitism extends to fighting prejudice/ discrimination against Israelis.

4. UJS must promote/ help facilitate the safety of Israeli students and speakers on university campuses demonstrating their inalienable right to speak as a free individuals.
5. UJS must create safe spaces for Israeli students to demonstrate their national identity without slander and libel.

Motion Title: CA14 UJS Commitment to Israel Advocacy

Proposer's name: Davina Mahgerefteh

Proposer's J-Soc: Warwick

Secunder's name: Gabriel Solomons

Secunder's J-Soc: Hertfordshire

What's the idea?

1. In 2018, UJS' Former President publicly stated that the organisation had 'an unwavering commitment to Israel activism.'
2. In 2015, UJS conference passed motion CA10, and in 2018 motion UJ16, committing the organisation to combat BDS in all its forms.
3. UJS has for years consistently launched and supported pro-Israel campaigns, including the recurring 'Bridges not Boycotts' campaign which combats 'Israeli Apartheid Week.'
4. UJS has in effect consistently supported pro-Israel advocacy, and this should be reflected by formal policy passed by conference.

How do you want it to happen?

1. To commit UJS' Campaigns Staff and the UJS National Council to continue to devote their time and resources to support pro-Israel advocacy led by individual students, Jewish Societies and Israel Societies.
2. To ensure that UJS Campaign Staff continue to promote and create national pro-Israel campaigns on campus.
3. To ensure that the National Council endorse and partner with appropriate and legitimate organisations who pursue Israel advocacy work on campus for joint campaigns and educational programming.

Motion Title: CA15 Commitment to Combating Misinformation and Misconceptions About Israeli Society

Proposer's name: Abbie Saul

Proposer's J-Soc: Birmingham

Seconder's name: Boruch Michaels

Seconder's J-Soc: Manchester

What's the idea?

1. When it comes to the Arab-Israeli conflict, people often speak with high levels of conviction from a position of total ignorance.
2. This problem is made more prevalent on social media – especially within the student demographic.
3. Israelis are often mis-categorised as 'white' 'illegal occupiers' and 'apartheid apologists' - this massive overarching assumption does nothing to create a peaceful future for those living in Israel/ Palestine. It generates further divides and hostility between both groups.
4. Israeli society is often portrayed as a barbaric, extremist rightwing society irrespective of the intracommunity debates/ politics within Israel itself. Anti-Zionists often over-represent extremist groups (for example Lehava) framing them as mainstream. With the largest Jewish population residing in Israel, UJS has the responsibility to devote its time to correctly portray Israel as a democracy consisting of peoples that hold a variety of views.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should facilitate events educating people on the diversity of Israeli society.
2. UJS should actively fight against these overarching assumptions on university campuses.

Motion Title: CA16 UJS to Campaign for Reform and Awareness of Complaints Reporting at Universities

Proposer's name: Ben Heath

Proposer's J-Soc: Southampton

Seconder's name: Noah Katz

Seconder's J-Soc: Lancaster

What's the idea?

1. Most universities have dated complaints systems which are flawed in several ways; they can be inaccessible to students or not transparent enough to be accountable to victims.
2. Many antisemitic incidents go unreported to universities due to these shortcomings and UJS needs to lobby universities to improve systems.
3. UJS should build on the work and relationships built by past campaigns and press universities to take real action in reforming complaints processes.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should conduct a survey of students' experience with reporting antisemitism on campus and accordingly campaign for reform of student non-academic misconduct complaints across universities in the UK.
2. UJS should also raise awareness for students on how to report incidents to make sure appropriate action is taken.

Motion Title: CA17 Strengthening UJS' Commitment to Fighting Hate Speech on Campus

Proposer's name: Davina Mahgerefteh

Proposer's J-Soc: Warwick

Seconder's name: Avigdor Bouaziz

Seconder's J-Soc: Queen Mary

What's the idea?

1. On campus it is understood that there are many groups that can cause students to feel uneasy or uncomfortable. There are some groups though which directly threaten to physically harm innocent students and UJS should always ensure it works with the relevant organisations to ensure they are allowed no presence in campus life.
2. The NUS has set clear guidelines on what organisations should be not platformed and this allows for stronger mobilization against these abhorrent groups.
3. UJS should stand side by side with NUS in strongly enforcing this policy to ensure the continued physical wellbeing of students simply trying to attain an education.
4. Last year at conference a policy was passed which was far too broad in defining hate, stating that UJS should not be associated with organisations who "hold extremist beliefs, a far-right ideology, homophobic attitude are racist or discriminatory based on religious grounds".
5. Loose language will not help us tackle the roots of hatred and could potentially lead to divisive partisanship if Labour were to be deemed 'racist' or the Conservatives were labelled 'far-right'.

How do you want it to happen?

1. To ensure there are clear guidelines on what UJS defines as hateful or extremist organisations, UJS should use NUS' no-platforming policy to dictate the organisations it defines as hateful. The policy includes the following organisations: Al-Muhajiroun; British National Party; English Defence League; Hizb-ut-Tahrir; Muslim Public Affairs Committee. National Action.
2. UJS should further include any organisation proscribed by the British Government as a terrorist organisation, if not included in NUS' no-platforming policy.
3. UJS should work closely with NUS and continue to lead by example by not associating itself with any of these extremist, hateful organisations. UJS will renew its commitment to combating hate and continue its work in tandem with other organisations to ensure the future success of this policy.
4. UJS should oppose members from these groups and support the no-platforming of any group or organisation that meets the above criteria, any of that group or organisation's members and any individual, group or organisation proved to be associated with, have supported or have links with any of those groups and organisations.

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Motion Title: CO24 UJS Supports Peace in The Middle East

Proposer's name: Toby Kunin

Proposer's J-Soc: Warwick

Secunder's name: James Konn

Secunder's J-Soc: Birmingham

What's the idea?

1. Noting that under current UJS policy, support for a peaceful future in Israel is a key priority
2. Recognising the unique possibility of the 'International Fund for Israeli-Palestinian Peace' to unite those from across the political spectrum under a shared platform of peace, including the Labour, Conservative, Republican and Democratic parties
3. Recognising the huge diversity of organisations supported, for example the Parents Circle which brings bereaved families together, joint educational charities like Givat Haviva and dozens more, all with a shared vision of lasting peace in the region of Israel-Palestine

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS to advocate for the Peace Fund when given platforms to speak about Israel, both within the community and beyond it.
2. UJS to publicise information related to using Israel web portal and other online resources
3. UJS to meet with some of these amazing civil society organisations while on trips to the region, allowing Jewish students to engage with the frontline of peace-building in the Middle East
4. UJS to facilitate speakers from these constituent organisations to speak to Jewish students in the UK, whether online or ideally via in-person campus tours.

Motion Title: CO4 Stop the Uyghur genocide

Proposer's name: Melanie Goldberg

Proposer's J-Soc: Glasgow

Seconder's name: Sara Felberg

Seconder's J-Soc: UCL

What's the idea?

1. There are currently over a million Uyghurs imprisoned in “re-education” camps in China. The Chinese government is persecuting its Muslim minority population through a ruthless, industrialized campaign of brainwashing, torture, and dehumanisation.
2. We have seen video evidence of the genocide that is occurring right now in China. As Jews we know what state sponsored genocide looks like in its most extreme form, and we must stand up for human rights.
3. As young people, we believe in championing and strengthening diversity in our societies. China is threatening those very values. We must stand in solidarity with those whose diversity is under attack.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should work towards an action-focused campaign to raise our collective voice against injustice, and break the world's silence on the Uyghurs' plight.
2. UJS should provide opportunities to Jewish students to learn more and take part in initiatives.
3. UJS should work closely with other initiatives that share our values such as Never Again Right Now, Stop Uyghur Genocide, Renee Cassin to support their work.
4. UJS should lobby for actions such as an independent investigation into atrocities in the Uyghur Region and a government-commissioned independent tribunal into Crimes Against Humanity and Genocide against Uyghurs and other Muslim minorities.

Motion Title: CO9 Improving J-Soc Connections with Their Local Jewish Community

Proposer's name: Shalom Treblow

Proposer's J-Soc: Manchester

Seconders name: Hedva Engle

Seconders J-Soc: Manchester

What's the idea?

1. Jewish students want to be a part of the wider Jewish community in their areas
2. Some J-Socs struggle putting on lots of events especially if they need the access to local synagogues and kosher food.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS help facilitate and make connections with J-Socs that are in close proximity with large local Jewish communities
2. More events for the Jewish festivals to integrate Jewish students with the wider Jewish community

Motion Title: CO2 To Combat Online Hate Speech and Antisemitism

Proposer's name: Melanie Goldberg

Proposer's J-Soc: Glasgow

Seconder's name: Jessica Baker

Seconder's J-Soc: Leeds

What's the idea?

1. Antisemitism and online hate speech has risen drastically in the last year, impacting Jewish student experience.
2. Jewish students have been victims to hate speech across all social media platforms, e.g. in Facebook groups, WhatsApp groups and Instagram
3. Universities are failing to support Jewish students when dealing with online hate, so more must be done.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS to lobby MPs and Government to push for an online harms bill that will best support Jewish students
2. UJS and J-Socs to lobby universities to expand their jurisdiction of complaints to include online
3. UJS and J-Socs to lobby Student Unions to tackle online hate within student society spaces.

Motion Title: CO3 UJS to Commit to Implementing The Board Of Deputies
Recommendations on Combatting Racial Inequality Within the Jewish Community

Proposer's name: Dora Hirsh

Proposer's J-Soc: Sheffield

Seconder's name: Ella Lambert

Seconder's J-Soc: Edinburgh

What's the idea?

1. Last year, the Board of Deputies published landmark report on racial inclusivity in the Jewish community. The report had a large section devoted to community organisations, and how they can implement changes to encourage racial inclusivity.
2. The report had myriad findings, and made suggestions about how organisations such as UJS can improve

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should ensure that the relevant team members have read through the report in full
2. The report should be analysed and the parts that are relevant to UJS should be summarised
3. The relevant findings and recommendations should be circulated to all J-Socs
4. The relevant team members should ensure the recommendations are implemented in a timely fashion

Motion Title: CO13 UJS' Commitment to Encourage Critical Thinking Amongst Jewish Students and the Wider Community When it Comes To Discussing the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

Proposer's name: Abbie Saul

Proposer's J-Soc: Birmingham

Seconder's name: Gavriel Solomons

Seconder's J-Soc: Hertfordshire

What's the idea?

1. Current attitudes towards the Arab-Israeli conflict are incredibly sensationalist, with people often promoting one-sided thinking. This generates further divides and hostility.
2. Israel's enemies often use buzzwords such as 'apartheid', 'genocide' and 'settler colonial state', which negate 4000 years' worth of history along with any modern context or nuance.
3. Debates on the Arab-Israeli conflict are often so divisive and toxic that they often lead to the demonisation of people that hold opposing positions. This ultimately prevents productive conversations.
4. During Operation 'Guardian of the Walls', revisionist and pseudo-historical versions of Jewish history went somewhat viral on social media platforms – notably: 'Palestinians saved the Jews during the holocaust,' 'Jews and Palestinians lived in peace and harmony before 1948,' 'Rothchild Zionists moved to Israel for oil' etc. These often explicitly antisemitic takes begin to fall apart when factual evidence is introduced.
5. Confirmation biases and echo chambers are especially prevalent in the context of the Israel/Palestine debate, and severely inhibit proper engagement and understanding of the conflict.
6. It is reckless and irresponsible to take everything that is read online at face value.
7. Not only do critical thinking skills mitigate these issues, but they are a widely applicable skill whose utilisation is critical to achieving academic success.
8. To mitigate this issue, UJS should teach critical thinking skills to students - both Jewish and non-Jewish - in order to reach a more comprehensive understanding on what is already an incredibly misunderstood conflict.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should work with a variety of experts (throughout the political spectrum) to teach students vital critical thinking skills, encouraging them to read and research below the surface of what they generally see in the media and online.

2. UJS should actively work with students to investigate the different sources where they gain information and news, and what those sources' biases are.
3. UJS should work with and utilise published resources from organisations, such as NGO monitor, which critically examine the information proliferated regarding the conflict.
4. UJS should actively promote and encourage students to consume a wide range of sources with an open and critical mind.

Motion Title: CO1 For J-Socs to Form a Better Relationship with the Progressive Movements on Campus

Proposer's name: Dora Hirsh

Proposer's J-Soc: Sheffield

Seconders name: Noah Katz

Seconders J-Soc: Lancaster

What's the idea?

1. Cross-communalism is a core value of UJS, and by default, of the J-Socs
2. J-Socs are meant to be an inclusive space for all Jewish students, however most of campus is dominated by the more religious denominations
3. There are many stigmas towards the Progressive movement and it's important to combat this in J-Soc spaces

How do you want it to happen?

1. To work more closely with the PJS, to supply prayer books and resources to educate J-Socs about the Progressive movement
2. To ensure that every UJS event has a PJS service
3. For J-Socs and UJS to run events on intrafaith

Motion Title: CO5 UJS Goes Global

Proposer's name: Toby Kunin

Proposer's J-Soc: Warwick

Seconder's name: Guy Dabby-Joory

Seconder's J-Soc: Oxford

What's the idea?

1. UJS is just one of dozens of Jewish Student-Unions across the world
2. The UK is very close to continental Europe, where many of these Unions of Jewish Students are based
3. Increased integration with our European neighbours is an incredible opportunity for us to learn from each other about how to best represent Jewish students, learn about each others histories, cultures and identities and make friends for life around the world

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS to offer at least one Europe trip each year with a specific focus on connecting with European partners
2. UJS to offer this trip at an accessible price, and with a capacity large enough to include a wide variety of Jewish students

Motion Title: CO7 Partner with the Sue Harris Trust for Jewish Swab Week

Proposer's name: Shaina Lesser

Proposer's J-Soc: University of the Arts London

Seconder's name: Lyle Mordecai

Seconder's J-Soc: Birmingham

What's the idea?

1. If someone has a blood cancer, such as Leukaemia, the only chance of saving their life could be a stem cell transplant. But those stem cells have to come from someone with a matching tissue type, which, if you are Jewish, is far more likely to be from someone who is also Jewish.
2. Every year, there are over 1,000 Jewish people around the world needing an unrelated stem cell donor to save their life and there is now an urgent need to replenish the stock of Jewish stem cell donors on the national register.
3. As a student at Manchester University, Sue Harris was an active member of UJS. Then in 1992, whilst training to be a lawyer, she was diagnosed with Chronic Myeloid Leukaemia. At the time there were only 48 Jewish donors on the national register, so she launched a campaign to find her donor and added more than 15,000. By the time she received a transplant, it was too late for it to work and Sue sadly passed away on 19 February 1997. For 25 years, her campaign has continued to recruit stem cell donors and now focuses on encouraging those aged 16-24, who offer the best option medically, to become potential lifesavers.
4. Every year, a new group of healthy Jews, eligible to join the national register, come to campus. Each has the potential be a lifesaver but we can't know until they are tested. It takes just a few minutes to be swabbed and join the register, and UJS could partner with the Sue Harris Trust to educate Jewish students on the importance of joining the register.

How do you want it to happen?

1. Mandate UJS to partner with the Sue Harris Trust for their annual Jewish recruitment drive in February known as Jewish Swab Week.
2. Encourage J-Socs to hold recruitment drives during Jewish Swab Week, to ensure every Jewish student has the chance to become a potential life-saver.
3. The Sue Harris Trust will provide all necessary materials and guidance on how to set up a swabbing session, and will support J-Socs to promote signing up to the donor registry.

Motion Title: CO8 Supporting International Students

Proposer's name: Ella Lambert

Proposer's J-Soc: Edinburgh

Seconder's name: David Kulp

Seconder's J-Soc: St Andrews

What's the idea?

1. Being away from home is hard for international students, but especially those who come from abroad.
2. As the first port of call for students on campus, UJS should make a specific effort to engage international students.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should work closely with organisations such as Kahal to support their wider efforts in engaging students on campus.
2. UJS should make a specific effort to ensure international students have provisions for Jewish holidays.
3. UJS should work to connect international students with each other by have an international students summit each year.
4. UJS should endeavour to support networking opportunities for international students by utilising their network of alumni.

Motion Title: CO10 UJS Supporting Refugees

Proposer's name: Elana Keiles

Proposer's J-Soc: Birmingham

Secunder's name: Sara Felberg

Secunder's J-Soc: UCL

What's the idea?

1. UJS stands with refugees and asylum seekers and students are always looking for practical and useful methods of support for these communities.
2. Refugees in the UK are being excluded from educational and other opportunities due to not owning adequate technology.
3. Screen Share is a new charity trying to solve this problem by collecting old laptops and restoring them for young refugees and asylum seekers to use.

How do you want it to happen?

UJS to support and advertise this project by:

1. Encouraging students to bring donated technology to UJS events
2. Sharing opportunities to volunteer for Screen Share with students
3. Reaching out to Screen Share to find out what other support UJS could offer and then endeavouring to act on those findings.
4. Reaching out to similar charities around the country such as Solidaritech in Bradford for opportunities for non-London student

Motion Title: CO11 UJS to Attend the AJEX Parade

Proposer's name: Zach Igielman

Proposer's J-Soc: Leeds

Seconder's name: Sam Steinburg

Seconder's J-Soc: Cambridge

What's the idea?

1. It's important that we remember and commemorate the many Jewish soldiers who fought for the UK to remain free and safe for the Jewish community.
2. Every year AJEX (The Jewish Military Association) hold a parade the week after Remembrance Sunday, to commemorate the lives lost in the World Wars.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS ensure they are involved and attend the parade every year to show support for AJEX
2. UJS to do more to educate its members about AJEX, given that many members may be relatives of Jewish students.
3. UJS to collaborate with student JLGB volunteers to create a marching UJS delegation in the parade

Motion Title: CO12 Recognise the Value of and Uphold the UJS Birthright Trips

Proposer's name: Abbie Saul

Proposer's J-Soc: Birmingham

Seconder's name: Gavriel Solomons

Seconder's J-Soc: Hertfordshire

What's the idea?

1. Birthright trips offer students the opportunity to engage with their Jewish identity in a way that few programs could ever do. It is fundamentally an outreach program; transcending denominational, class, economic status, and gender boundaries.
2. For many students, Birthright is their first time visiting Israel, and for others, Israel is a country they visited many times before, but never in an educational capacity. The program therefore offers a unique opportunity for students to investigate the importance of Israel to their Jewish identity.
3. Given that Zionism is a factor in the vast majority of Jewish Students' identities, students who have not previously been able to should be given the opportunity to experience Israel. The value of birthright must be recognized.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS shall commit to continue offering Birthright trips for Jewish students of all backgrounds from across the UK.
2. UJS shall recognise the importance of Birthright trips in allowing Jewish students to explore their identity.

Motion Title: CO14 Peace in the Middle East

Proposer's name: Gavriel Solomons

Proposer's J-Soc: Hertfordshire

Seconder's name: Abbie Saul

Seconder's J-Soc: Birmingham

What's the idea?

1. The Arab-Israeli conflict is still on-going over 70 years after the establishment of the State of Israel and the situation with Judea & Samaria and Gaza remains unresolved.
2. Recent peace agreements and improving relations between Israel and its Arab neighbours, as shown in the normalisation of relations with the UAE, Bahrain, Sudan and Morocco, are a positive step forward and show that a peaceful resolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict is possible.
3. It is of utmost importance that peace is achieved between Israel and its neighbours, including the Palestinians.
4. The Jewish People have an inalienable right to national self-determination in their historic homeland, which has been exercised in the thriving existence of the State of Israel.
5. The State of Israel must be both Jewish and democratic.
6. A lasting, peaceful solution is necessary for Israel's long-term security and the wellbeing of all those living in the region.
7. While a two-state solution is the ideal outcome, UJS policy must reflect the reality of the situation in the region. The two-state paradigm has been used by certain factions to stagnate any progression to a resolution and imaginative alternatives might be the way forward to a permanent solution.
8. Any solution must not compromise Israel's security or status as a democratic and Jewish state.
9. Any solution must respect the rights and interests of the various peoples living in the region.
10. Any long-term solution is only achievable through the reconciliation and agreement of those living in the region.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS to continue to advocate for a Two-State Solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict, but acknowledge that any peaceful resolution to the conflict which maintains Israel's security and status as a both Jewish and democratic nation, and respects the rights of all groups in the region, is preferable to the current, static situation.
2. UJS to acknowledge that any serious, long-term solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict must be decided by those living in that region.

3. UJS to reaffirm its opposition to BDS.
4. UJS to continue to work with organisations in the UK advocating for a Two-State Solution, e.g bringing them to J-Socs.

Motion Title: CO15 UJS Uphold Commitment to Commemorate and Educate Jewish History and Identity

Proposer's name: Davina Mahgerefteh and Abbie Saul

Proposer's J-Soc: Warwick and Birmingham

Secunder's name: Boruch Michaels

Secunder's J-Soc: Manchester

What's the idea?

1. Jewish identity is too often misconstrued as a religion that emerged in Europe. Jews are often categorised as white Europeans, overlooking Jewish History and Mizrahi, Beta Israel, and Sephardi Jews, as well as the cultural diversity that exists within Judaism.
2. The understandings that Judaism is not only a religion but an ethnicity that originated in Israel/Judea, and the significance of the Jewish Diaspora to contemporary Jewish identity are critical to combating antisemitism. The origins of antisemitism, including antisemitism within other Abrahamic religions and across the political spectrum must be acknowledged in order to combat antisemitism today.
3. There are also loads of attempts to rewrite history (both modern and biblical) for example: holocaust inversion and denying the existence of the first and second temple. In recent years, students are often motivated to revise Jewish history in order to slander Israel, for example by claiming 'Rothchild Zionists' moved to Israel for oil.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS must commit resources to educate both the Jewish and wider community on the history of Jewish people as an ancient and scattered civilization.
2. UJS should reach out to professionals and academics in the field of Jewish history to explain the origins of Judaism in Israel, and our status as an ethno-religion.
3. UJS should make a greater effort to teach the history of Mizrahi and Sephardi communities.
4. UJS should facilitate education of ancient Jewish history in the kingdoms of Israel and Judea, by using archaeological, genealogical, and cultural facts as well as the preservation of cultural practices.
5. UJS must bring in appropriate Jewish leaders and educators into J-Socs to give basic lessons on Jewish history, equipping them with the knowledge to fight against these fabrications.
6. UJS must be proactive in combatting Jewish history revision when they see it on university campuses.

Motion Title: CO17 Donating Leftover FND Food

Proposer's name: Robert Auerbach

Proposer's J-Soc: Imperial

Seconder's name: Dora Hirsh

Seconder's J-Soc: Sheffield

What's the idea?

1. UJS subsidise FNDs all over the country. Often there is leftover food that is wasted at Friday night dinners.
2. It is important that this food is not wasted and is used to help others.

How do you want it to happen?

1. Each J-Soc should have a dedicated person on committee to find a local charity to collaborate with, to ensure no food at FND is wasted.
2. J-Soc committees and local charities should work together to arrange the transportation of leftover food to the less fortunate.
3. Shabbat officers should be in charge of ensuring food is only donated if it is deemed food safe
4. UJS Sabbatical officers should help J-Socs to find suitable local charities

Motion Title: CO18 UJS Applauds British Government in Classifying Hamas as a Terrorist Organisation

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Proposer's J-Soc: Birmingham

Seconder's name: Gavriel Solomons

Seconder's J-Soc: Hertfordshire

What's the idea?

1. Hamas is a genocidal, antisemitic organisation hell-bent on murdering every last Jew.
2. Hamas' charter explicitly call for the murder and genocide of Jews in unambiguous terms:
 - a. Article 7: 'The day of Judgment will not come about until Moslems fight Jews and kill them. Then the Jew will hide behind rocks and trees and the rocks will cry out: 'O Moslem, there is a Jew hiding behind me, come kill him.'
 - b. Article 22: 'The enemy have been scheming for a long time... they have accumulated huge and influential material wealth. With their money they took control of their media... with their money they stirred revolutions in various parts of the globe... [lists various revolutions] which are spreading around the world in order to destroy societies and carry out Zionist interests.'
 - c. Article 32: 'Zionism scheming has not ended, and after Palestine they will covet expansion from the Nile to the Euphrates river... their scheme has been laid out in the protocols of the Elders of Zion.'
 - d. Article 32: '[Hamas] are best for the future role in the fight against the warmongering Jews.'
3. Further, Hamas have openly called for Genocide against Jews, instructing people to purchase knives and stab Jews in the neck.
4. Hamas indoctrinate their children into believing they have a moral responsibility to martyr themselves and murder Jews.
5. Hamas openly call for the violent Eradication and liquidation of Israel in its entirety
6. Only recently, a Hamas member, who'd indoctrinated children in his job as a teacher, murdered 26 year old Eli Kay - a Jewish worshipper in Jerusalem. Thousands took to twitter and social media to celebrate, downplaying the brutality to 'resistance' and blaming Eli Kay for his own murder. Hamas handed out sweets in Gaza and Eli's murderer's image was put up in Al-Aqsa to celebrate him as a "hero".
7. The indiscriminate murder of Jews because they are Jews and the targetting of civilian areas, with hundreds of unguided missiles is not resistance, but terror and indiscriminate murder in other words every rocket is a war crime.

8. The UK recently finally officially proscribed Hamas as a terrorist organisation in its entirety, including both its military and political wings, under the Terrorism Act 2000.
9. Anyone who officially endorses, backs and encourages Hamas could face up to 10 years in prison.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS should release an official statement applauding the British Government for recognising Hamas as a terror organisation decision.
2. UJS must treat Hamas' military and political wings as one and the same organisation.
3. UJS must take a zero tolerance stance on any endorsement of, support for or affiliation with Hamas both within and without student spaces.

Motion Title: CO19 For UJS to Partner with International Jewish Nonprofit Organizations
And Collaborate on Student Initiatives

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Proposer's J-Soc: St Andrews

Secunder's name: Ella Lambert

Secunder's J-Soc: Edinburgh

What's the idea?

1. International students, particularly from North America, benefit greatly from Hillel international and Chabad on campus. Both organizations serve different, but similar, purposes on campuses across the globe.
2. With 550 Hillels in 17 different countries, the organization is a prime partner for UJS—financially, programmatically, culturally, and strategically. Specifically, the Student Cabinet is a diverse body of ~18 students in various different countries that collaborate to innovate programming.
3. Utilizing the sabbatical officers and J-Soc committees in collaboration with the Hillel International Student Cabinet has the potential to revolutionize international Jewish nonprofit partnership.
4. This idea proposes increased communication and collaboration between the two organizations as a strategic priority of UJS.
5. Ultimately, this will assist with leadership development of sabbatical officers, and Hillel/UJS student leaders.

How do you want it to happen?

1. UJS administration and sabbatical officers contact the Hillel International staff to start dialogue about inter-organizational partnerships
2. UJS sabbatical officers/president collaborate with co-chairs of the Hillel International Student Cabinet to discuss student-facing initiative