



## Finchley US welcome inspirational rabbinic couple

Finchley US announced that Rabbi Josh and Yocheved Zaitschek will be joining their rabbinic team in June. The couple will be responsible for organising events for Young Professionals within the community. Rabbi Zaitschek will spend Shabbat and festivals with Finchley US and will work as part of the Young US central team during the week.

The couple had previously been part of the Living and Learning team at Hampstead United Synagogue, where they set up The Den, a room designated for Young Professionals to hold events. They also started Cholentfest and Rabbi Zaitschek developed Hampstead US' alternative minyan for young adults. Yocheved established a Mother and Toddler group and developed a programme for their monthly children services, using her artistic creativity.

Commenting on joining Finchley US, Rabbi Zaitschek said: "Whilst it's difficult to be leaving Hampstead US, we're really excited to be joining Finchley US. We're looking forward to working with the community to develop their Young Professional network and to be part of such a prestigious synagogue".

Co-Chairs of Hampstead US, Michael Helfgott and Adrienne Powell released a joint statement saying: "Since joining our community, Josh and Yocheved have been an integral part of the Hampstead US family. They have enriched the lives of our members with their innovative programmes and their warm and friendly manner. We wish him, Yocheved and the family all the best and every success, and hope we will still see them back at Hampstead from time to time".

Shimon Gillis, Community Director at Finchley US commented: "We are excited for Rabbi Josh and Yocheved to work with the Synagogue's professional and lay leadership to develop exciting and inspirational programmes for Young Professionals within Finchley US and the wider community".

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