



Innovative partnership between Tribe, Chaplaincy and JFS to enhance Jewish education

Tribe, University Jewish Chaplaincy and JFS School are delighted to announce the appointment of Rabbi Bentzi and Michal Mann.

This appointment represents a new model in Jewish education in the UK which brings together community, home, school and shul. The couple will work with all JFS pupils under the auspices of Tribe and work as chaplains in the Sixth Form, bridging the transition to university life. They will coordinate visits to university campuses and help students make informed decisions about their higher education choices that are informed by their Jewish Identity.

Speaking about the project, David Collins, The US' Director of Jewish Living said: **“We are very excited about this ground-breaking initiative which will give pupils an even closer connection to their community and their Judaism. Rabbi and Michal Mann were the stand-out candidates for this position and we are looking forward to working with them to shape the future leaders of UK Jewry.”**

Sophie Dunoff, Chief Operating Officer at University Jewish Chaplaincy added: **“Chaplaincy are always striving to give Jewish university students the tools and skills to help them adjust to their new environments. We can't wait to see the amazing work that Rabbi Bentzi and Michal will do throughout JFS which will lead to stronger Jewish identities and activism on campuses.”**

JFS Headteacher, Rachel Fink said: **“Our Sixth Form has a renowned reputation for preparing students for university. I am delighted that the arrival of the Manns will provide a renewed focus for Jewish life and learning that fulfils our vision as a school to achieve academic success alongside a strong Jewish identity.”**

As part of the initiative, Rabbi Bentzi and Michal will lead the new and growing Mill Hill East United Synagogue during Shabbatot and one evening a week.

The couple are expected to begin their posts with Mill Hill East by August and start at JFS in September.

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