



TRIBE DIRECTORY

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Dear Colleague,

The Jewish Living Department is delighted to be sending you the enclosed Tribe Directory of Services.

This Directory contains explanations of most of the projects and events which Tribe are proud to make available to the young people of the United Synagogue, and to young Jews in general.

Tribe has provided innovative and exciting programmes to Jewish youth for 14 years. Our mission of “creating a future for our communities through engaging, educating and inspiring the next generation” has never been more important or more effectively fulfilled, as we hope you will agree on reviewing the Tribe Directory of Services, which reflects an expanding and ever-more popular range of residential, one-off and leadership opportunities.

The Directory is intended to be used: please encourage your colleagues to give children and teenagers in your community the opportunity to take part in the varied activities which Tribe offers. Through employing rabbis and Youth Directors to play a vital role in these activities, we aim to foster specific communal identities and to drive engagement of youth with their communities and with the Jewish community generally.

Best regards,

The Tribe Team

Babies & Tots

BABY GIFT PACK

Mazal tov on the birth of your new baby! Tribe sends out a free Baby Gift Pack to say hello and welcome your newborn to Tribe. This pack also includes a blessing card which gives you everything you need for the beautiful tradition of giving children a blessing on Friday evening.



How do I access it?

1. Tribe is notified by communities of any child under age 1 who is added to the membership system by their synagogue administrator, and will send them a gift pack in the post.
2. Synagogues can notify Tribe of any birth in their community and Tribe will send them a gift pack for them to deliver personally.
3. Join your baby as a Tribe member directly on the Tribe website and you will receive a gift pack in the post.

BABY BLESSINGS



Synagogues often hold communal baby-blessing ceremonies for babies born over the previous year - usually at Succot or at Pesach. Tribe has friendly teddy bears which it provides to communities to distribute to babies taking part in these ceremonies. All your community has to do is get in touch with Tribe for your supply.

TODDLER GROUPS

Tribe lists information for all the local synagogue toddler groups and Tribe nurseries, including the days and times of operation, on the Tribe website.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Tribe website has information for all events surrounding the birth of a Jewish baby, including Brit Milah, Simchat Bat, Shalom Zachor, Pidyon Haben and Baby Blessing.

Children

SHABBATONIM

The Tribe Education Team works closely with more than ten Jewish primary schools to organise and run Shabbatonim for their pupils. Youth Directors are asked to join the team of madrichim so that the children engage with Tribe and their Youth Directors in an informal setting and experience an amazing Shabbat atmosphere together. Through sharing delicious meals, fun games and activities written by Tribe staff, as well as inspirational Jewish learning and prayer services with representatives of the schools and their synagogue communities, the connections of the children to both is deepened and enhanced.

TISHREI'S GOT TALENT

The annual Tribe 'Tishrei's Got Talent' Competition takes place in primary schools and challenges the pupils' understanding of the chagim which take place during Tishrei. The programme includes rounds on constructing an outsize puzzle within a time limit, pinning the etrog on the lulav and placing the correct parshiot on the bookshelf. The children have enormous fun without even realising the skills and knowledge they are gaining!

KOSHER APPRENTICE

Tribe's 'Kosher Apprentice' is an exciting kashrut-based programme that takes place in the summer term for pupils in year 6. The sessions are timed to run alongside the yearly distribution of the KLBD Kosher Nosh Guide which is distributed to all participants and their peers.

After a fun 'crash course' update on kashrut, pupils work in teams to design and create a new kosher food product with a marketing strategy, logos and packaging. Throughout the programme, the pupils actively learn about teamwork and presentation skills too.

Groups present their products and ideas to a panel of Tribe team judges. The winning group each receive a grand prize. Staff and pupils feedback has been amazing!



HALF TERM DAYS OUT

During half term school holidays, Tribe provide a range of informal programmes for children in school years 4 to 6 from across United Synagogue communities. All parents or community cohorts have to do is drop their children off with us in the morning, and we bring them back in the evening, having had an amazing time. Activities include everything from rock-climbing to 'Go Ape', paintballing, going to Diggerworld, Cadbury World, or Legoland, taking part in water sports of all sorts, such as caving, 'cresta run', Zap laser tag, high ropes or trampolining.

If communities have an idea for an outing, but lack the resources to organise reservations, transport or the cash-free booking system, then Tribe regularly assists, making light work of logistics through our experience and contacts. Often we bring in neighbouring communities, increasing economies of scale on tickets, coaches and other expenses. Tribe makes community events happen when otherwise they wouldn't, and makes them stronger and better when they do take place.

RESIDENTIAL SUMMER PROGRAMMES FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN

CAMP GAD is exclusively for year 5!

This means that your first-time experience of a residential camp will be with your year group and your year group only!

You will experience a few days of non-stop activities including: sports, arts and crafts, inspiring Jewish educational programmes, adventure days and many more surprises!

You will get the chance to spend a fun-filled day in a local theme park along with all your friends!

There is no better way to kick-off your summer than with Tribe on Camp Gad!

CAMP ZEV is a camp exclusively for year 6.

Days will be jam packed with more activities, more sports, more fun than ever before!

Based in a fantastic location in the UK, on Camp Zev you will have an amazing summer experience, including an incredible Tribe Shabbat.

There is no better way to prepare yourself for secondary school than a week with Tribe, making new friends and gaining some independence with a week away from home!

Through this unforgettable week you will have day trips including a chance to defy gravity at a local theme park.

Camp Zev is a camp not to be missed!

CHEDER

Our 'Chedarim' offer a weekly opportunity for children to learn about Jewish life, traditions, history and practices in an engaging and welcoming environment. We believe it is necessary for all children to enjoy a positive Jewish learning experience to create a solid foundation for Jewish learning and life.

We have recently developed a new syllabus, where pupils are encouraged to explore and appreciate their Jewish heritage. The festival curriculum offers a range of age-appropriate educational activities, with an emphasis on using multi-sensory methods, combining formal and informal teaching approaches.

The main focus is on 'learning through experience', so that Judaism can be experienced as a living entity, rather than an academic study. Hebrew-reading is a fundamental part



of Jewish education, though not always easy to learn. In conjunction with Aleph Champion USA, we have developed a new and updated UK version of the popular Aleph Champ programme. This exciting reading system is based on the martial arts motivational philosophy of colour-coded levels and testing. This popular programme is already being used successfully in most Chedarim and many Jewish primary schools in the UK.

Tribe periodically runs inter-Cheder programmes.

CHAGIM CELEBRATIONS

Tribe always aims to facilitate and supplement communal activities locally, (especially true during Chagim) with Youth Directors and local Rabbinical staff leading the way. We help by creating resources for local use, and by helping communities run amazing events.



A social media campaign precedes the annual Tribe 'Yom Kippur Debate', a fully-resourced centrally-designed event which needs minimal local development - just participation by Youth Directors or volunteers and youth with lots to say! Meanwhile older

youth have enjoyed some of the biggest Jewish youth events England has ever seen, from massive trampoline parties - after hearing the Megillah! - and boat parties sailing down the Thames! Crucially, all the ideas and planning for these events comes from Youth Directors, who bring local youth along to combine the sense of community with incredible social experiences. 'Chanukah-on-Ice' is our famous inter-community ice-skating event; Tribe also equips communities with doughnuts for local youth events. At Lag b'Omer and other minor chagim, Tribe staff, software, logistics and funds are put to use by communities running everything



from trips to wildlife parks to concerts and barbecues. All this fun is leavened at Shavuot, when Tribe distributes digital and 'hard copy' learning materials to youth across United Synagogue communities, bringing accessible text and Jewish conversation to dinner tables everywhere.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Every Shabbat, Children's Services are held for kids of all ages, in their communities. Hundreds of volunteers run the services facilitating Shabbat morning prayers and the activities in a safe Jewish environment. These incredible volunteers make great use of Tribe Spark (now up to edition five) which is a weekly free online guide written by our Head of Education for Children's Service Leaders. Tribe Spark is packed full of activities linked to the Parasha, Chag or special day. Tribe Spark can be found on the Tribe website. In addition to this, our Head of Education is always available to answer questions and advise on issues such as behaviour management, or bespoke activities to suit the needs of individual communities.



YOUTH SERVICES

After children graduate from Children's Services, in many of our communities they can take part in Youth Services (either combined or streamed by age) which are usually run by Tribe Youth Directors or madrichim. As well as prayer and singing, we always stress inclusion and accessibility by running discussions and other informal programming either alongside or after traditional programming. Sometimes there's early morning breakfast or hot cocoa and learning before services, and very often there's a bumper kiddush afterwards!

Teens

TRIBE IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Working closely with the informal education teams at JFS, Yavneh and other Jewish schools, as well as a wide range of non-Jewish schools, Tribe provide that vital 'extra-curricular' excitement and inspiration while adding Jewish flavour and increasing Jewish knowledge. Tribe programmes in schools have included competitions at the 'Tu Bishvat Mad Hatters Tree Party', costume design for Heroes on 'Chanukah Holding out for a Hero', Israeli dancing on Yom Ha'atzmaut as well as our regular 'lunch and learns' and 'road shows'. Tribe staff centrally work closely with Tribe Youth Directors who are invited to join the programmes to work mainly with youth from the communities in which they're based, providing yet another opportunity for building links between youth and those communities.

BAR/BAT MITZVAH

The Chief Rabbi, together with Tribe, has been developing a vision for the way that Bar Mitzvah boys and Bat Mitzvah girls approach these important milestones in their lives. The Tribe Education Team is implementing this vision. We will be working with the Office of the Chief Rabbi to share best practice on the Bnei Mitzvah programming that exists across our communities, developing and implementing a new programme which will aim to utilise the opportunity of positive engagement around the time of Bnei Mitzvah, as well as incentivising involvement in our communities, post Bnei Mitzvah.

LUNCH & LEARN

A significant number of Jewish children are studying in mainstream secondary schools and Tribe, in partnership with UJIA JAMS, are working hard to ensure that we engage with them to help supplement their Jewish education. Tribe arranges lunchtime visits by inspirational Tribe staff and Rabbis who discuss and answer questions on a number of topics, ranging from Jewish festivals to current affairs and moral and ethical dilemmas. The sessions always attract a good turnout and it's not just because of the generous amounts of pizza and bagels provided!

LEARN2LEAD

Learn2Lead is Tribe's leadership programme for teenagers in school years 9-13. Taught in local US communities by Rabbis or Youth Directors, Learn2Lead provides participants with the tools they need to become active Jewish leaders within their own communities. The programme takes place over the course of the academic year.

Each term participants take part in a number of sessions to learn various skills which will prove invaluable during everyday life. These include first aid training, public speaking, self defence training, Israel advocacy, how to run activities within the community and lessons in Jewish history.

During the course of each year, participants have the opportunity to take part in a Learn2Lead group trip. The first trip is a week of social action and discovery in Jerusalem. Later on in the course, trips are taken to European cities with many historical sites of Jewish culture and heritage including



an inspiring visit to Poland for sixth formers. The trips are a wonderful opportunity for the group to strengthen its Jewish roots and build on the friendships that have been formed during the programme.

For more information, about Learn2Lead, please email info@tribeuk.com.

ASSEMBLIES

Tribe run fun assemblies at local schools, particularly before upcoming Chagim, including Chanukah millionaire and Shavuot “Oh My Omer!” games. These are run by a dedicated education fieldworker who spends most of his/her time at different schools.

TRIBE-A-SIDE INTER COMMUNITY FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Every year, Tribe runs an inter-community football tournament for secondary school kids. This consists of three different tournaments split into different age groups: years 7-8 and 9-10. The different communities battle it out to win the tournament cup. This brings great pride for the winning community; winning players have in the past enjoyed special kiddushim and other treats the following Shabbat.

RESIDENTIAL SUMMER PROGRAMMES

Camp Barak – Year 7

Camp Barak is our Year 7 camp which promises to be more exciting than ever before!

With our Year 7 campers having made their step up into high school, Camp Barak has stepped up from England... to Europe!

Based in Belgium at an exciting site surrounded by World War 1 history, participants will get to enjoy great programmes within the on-site building and outdoor space.

Directed by a team of professional Tribe staff and experienced leaders, campers will get to take part in a great range of activities as well as heading off to one of Europe’s leading theme parks for a day of twists and turns!

With two amazing Shabbatonim providing some relaxing and unwinding time and a Shabbat atmosphere to remember, Barak 2018 is set to be the best yet.



Camp Sufa – Year 8

To kool for skool, but not too cool for DISNEYLAND!! Yes, Disneyland!

With camp set to take place in Europe this summer, we will be heading to Europe’s top theme park for a day to remember!

With a 12 day jam-packed schedule, participants will be able to take part in some amazing activities, led by their highly-skilled leaders, providing a chance for them to get stuck into their wild and creative side! Shabbat will provide campers an opportunity to relax and reflect in a Tribe environment and explore their Jewish identity with some inspirational singing and dancing.

With a spectacular trip and some adventure days out, Camp Sufa will simply be unforgettable.

Camp Kerach – Year 9

Based in Belgium, our camps guarantees thrills, spills and endless entertainment exclusively for Year 9.

Every day will involve a wide mix of activities, inspiring Jewish learning sessions, exhilarating outings and a visit to a theme park! Not just any theme park, you will be travelling to EURO DISNEY!

Learn2Lead New York - Year 10

During this 8 day long programme, participants will visit world renowned Jewish educational sites, with an emphasis on strengthening teenagers' Jewish connection and enhancing their leadership qualities.

Alongside these thought-provoking experiences Tribe will also be visiting some of New York's biggest sites and attractions!

It's an opportunity not to be missed!!

Israel Tour – Year 11

Tribe Israel Tour offers year 11 teenagers a once in a lifetime opportunity to see the very best of what Israel has to offer. Taking place over three and a half weeks participants, travel the length and breadth of the country, visiting some of Israel's most historic, cultural, and holy sites, whilst being led by inspirational leaders.

A sunset camel trek, rafting, and a night cruise along the Sea of Galilee are just some of the incredible experiences that you will be able to share with friends old and new.

The very special thing about Tribe Israel Tour, is that it brings together people from widely different Jewish backgrounds, some who have waited their whole life for such a trip and others who may be a bit more apprehensive to leave their homes for almost a month.



As such, we provide for both more and less religious participants, without imposing anything on anyone. This allows the participants to explore their Jewish identity and our heritage in Israel in a positive way, and to meet a wide variety of people.

Tribe Israel Tour strengthens participants' connection with the Land of Israel, and allows for them to explore and discover what being Jewish means to them. The tour strikes the right balance of fun and entertainment, learning, education and volunteering to ensure that participants not only experience, but also understand the special place Israel has in Jewish hearts.

Tribe Tour has received much positive feedback, and has had a tremendously positive impact on the Jewish identity of participants.

We really hope you consider being part of this once in a lifetime Israel experience with us at Tribe. You will have an amazing time, create lasting memories, lasting friendships, and experience the magic of Israel.

TLC (Tribe Leadership Camp) – Year 12

ARE YOU IN YEAR 12?

DO YOU WANT TO BE A LEADER AND EXPERIENCE AN INCREDIBLE SUMMER WITH TRIBE?

Become a Madrich on TLC!

Tribe Leadership Camp (TLC) will give you an amazing pre-camp weekend experience, a week of leadership training and the opportunity to lead Tribe Kids from all over the country, at our UK-based camp.

As part of a team of leaders you'll be planning murder mysteries, colour wars, Olympics day, supper quizzes and a whole host of other exciting activities, as well as a gravity-defying trip to a local theme park.

It's an opportunity not to be missed!

As a leader on TLC you will have a chance to inspire the next generation, educating them,



planning programmes and running incredible activities.

Ghana Experience - Year 12/13

Tribe, together with Tzedek, is proud to be offering an amazing opportunity for participants to volunteer in Ghana. For 10 days you will be working in a rural community, together with local disadvantaged young people, to run a summer camp for primary school aged kids.

Participants will be trained and accompanied by a team of professional Tribe leaders and the programme will be run in accordance with our usual strict procedures and guidelines.

Due to the high demand for this programme participants will be selected based on a successful application and interview.

TRIBE OFFICE

Support For Communities

Tribe central staff provide innumerable forms of support to our communities. Our Community Liaison Manager is the 'point person' for youth-facing professionals in those communities who have them.

Assistant Rabbis and Youth Directors are key members of any United Synagogue community working on a significant level with youth. Over the last few years we have seen numerical proof of the success of the Youth Director model in that numbers have risen from around 25 to around 40 employees working with this title. We also have around a dozen rabbis or rabbinical couples whose work encompasses youth. Tribe assists communities in the routine but demanding work of employing the best people, from drafting job descriptions to interviewing potential candidates, and the Tribe Community Liaison Manager acts as the liaison with the Human Resources department, working on behalf of the employing communities. Adding value, Tribe fosters access to institutions in the UK and abroad from which

to draw some of the best youth work employees in the world.

Recruitment

The sourcing of Youth Directors, the handling of their recruitment (with the Human Resources department), and advising lay leaders on the process, is another Tribe function which adds value to our communities. Lay leaders may never have been through these procedures, but they are 'meat and drink' to Tribe. Regular Youth Director training and the annual Engage conference for youth-facing professionals, are dealt with under Training & Professional Development.



Line Managers

Tribe also provides a liaison function for Youth Director Line Managers, who are invited every six months to attend an update session and review of the Youth Director world at our offices.

Supporting Central and Local Initiatives

At a broader level, Tribe employees take part in United Synagogue communal programming put on by our colleague departments, whether for small communities, new chairs and vice-chairs or rabbinical staff. Our aim is always to get across the frequency and quality of the many opportunities we create for engagement with youth by their leadership and staff.

We also directly supplement local efforts: from small things such as providing customised local logos, to providing visiting scholars and madrichim for chagim, Shabbat UK and other occasions. Not only speakers and youth workers but also Tribe central staff are always delighted to make visits, to see first-hand what they can contribute in our always unique communities.

These visits and the connections that stem from them, often have positive results: following conversations started at shul BBQs and meeting with lay leaders on Sunday mornings or after hours, we have had the pleasure in the last few years of working constructively with a range of communities from

Belmont to Muswell Hill, to improve the physical environments for their youth through a series of grants. Through connections established with Rabbinical staff and Youth Directors, centrally-devised programming and educational resources have been used with success in Chigwell (the Challenge programme) and Brondesbury Park (the SMILE ‘movies and morals’ film programme), and elsewhere.

Facilitating Centrally, Delivering Locally

Through providing logistical expertise, staff numbers and all manner of other help, we have supported a wide range of events for children and teens across communities. These range from a youth roller disco to a summer picnic for families, an inter-cheder sports day for south London communities and a giant James Bond-themed Purim party for teenagers, shared by Bushey and Radlett.

Tribe has created the conditions necessary for exciting activities shared between United Synagogue communities on a scale not seen before. For the last four years Tribe has facilitated with funding, logistical support, and mentoring a number of high-budget Purim events which have involved hundreds of young people across different age groups in exciting events including a boat party on the Thames. Community Youth Directors were at the heart of these events throughout and they constitute excellent examples of central facilitation of local effort. Social responsibility programmes and low-key events throughout the year also contribute to a growing sense of common purpose and values among Youth Directors, and themselves make more ingrained a culture of shared endeavour. Crucially, we believe this area of work creates a more exciting social environment for youth from across communities. There are many more examples of assistance and facilitation by Tribe centrally, of local work with youth.

There is so much on offer - please ask us, and take advantage of what we're doing!

Tribe Israel – Gap Year

Tribe Israel runs many programmes for British students on their gap year in Israel. They will welcome you with their annual ‘Picnic in the Park’ event; will make sure that you can see your friends as well as making new ones through their social events; and will even help you with essential skills like public speaking through the Learn2Lead programme.

In conjunction with the Tribe office in London, Tribe Israel staff run annual programmes such as the Chief Rabbi’s Shabbaton. The weekend gives an opportunity for all Jewish youth on a gap year in Israel to enjoy an inspirational and memorable Shabbat with the Chief Rabbi and Tribe staff at a relaxing Jerusalem location. This is an effective reminder to participants that the communities they come from in the U.K. can benefit greatly from the knowledge and experience gained by this self-selecting group of some of our most engaged young people.

TRIBE LEARN2LEAD ISRAEL PROGRAMME

Learn2Lead is Tribe’s leadership training programme for people on their gap year in Israel. The course commences in January, with five sessions spread over four months. These provide students with the tools to become the next leaders of their generation on their return to the UK. The sessions cover important topics such as youth leadership, Israel advocacy, counselling skills and Jewish education and feature guest speakers who are experts in their field. If you are interested in joining Learn2Lead while on your gap year, please email gabygodfrey@tribeuk.com.



Campus

CAMPUS AMBASSADORS & PROGRAMMES

Tribe aims to provide a Jewish atmosphere for all students on campus. We have ambassadors in London, Bristol, Birmingham, Leeds, Manchester, Nottingham, Cambridge, Oxford and Scottish universities. On all these campuses we run weekly events providing a meal for students along with inspiring and thought-provoking discussions led by students or other guest speakers. These events are often run in conjunction with Chaplaincy and with the JSocs on those campuses. Tribe Ambassadors are also there to show prospective students currently in sixth-form around the various campuses. With a range of Tribe events including Friday night dinners, Shabbat onegs and Graduation parties, so be sure to look out for Tribe on your university campus.



As always, Tribe seeks to strengthen the sense of community among our young people – if your community has a cohort at Birmingham, or a few students at Nottingham, let us know because we'd love to take your rabbis or Youth Directors with us, or just pass on messages, shul news or gifts!

Tribe Resources

TRAINING & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Tribe constantly seeks to 'raise the game' of our employees working with youth, both centrally and locally. Training for Youth Directors is scheduled throughout the year on basic requirements such as child protection, internet use and social media, first aid, and health & safety; and also subjects such as 'Israel programming for the disengaged', working with community leaders, programming for Chagim and so on. This training schedule is crowned by the **annual 'Engage' conference** at which scores of Youth Directors, assistant Rabbinical couples and Tribe central staff are brought together for a family-friendly Shabbaton outside London. The warm collegiate atmosphere at 'Engage' is why there are now such strong professional and social links between Youth Directors and Rabbis across several of our communities, many of which have benefited and continue to benefit directly, through events and mutual assistance between Tribe colleagues.

Several communities already offer performance-based incentives for Youth Directors, who occupy roles which are increasingly recognised as being vital in our growing communities. We plan to supplement these offerings with our own, centralised incentives; these plans include a bursary system to expand the professional skills and broader experience of ex-Youth Directors. It is intended that these alumni return in the long term, in a capacity that suits them, to enrich and enhance Tribe's central and local offerings.

TRIBE PUBLICATIONS

Tribe Benscher – Bensch & Sing: a transliterated and translated Grace After Meals. Includes, Shabbat candle lighting, songs and prayers for Shabbat, Havdalah & the Hatikvah

Tribe Spark Children’s Service guides: weekly activity booklet based on the Parasha or Chag for Children’s Service Leaders. Available on the Tribe website

Siddur Yonah: for nursery, year 1 and 2

Big Book of Siddur Yonah: for facilitators of a teffilah service

Siddur Shevet Asher: for year 3 and up children and families

Chanukah Card: a card with all prayers needed for lighting the Chanukah

Tribe Scribe: weekly cartoon on back of Daf Hashavua can be used as teaching tool. Parasha, Chag, values-based cartoon with a message

Pesach Freedometer: a discussion aid for families and communities

Shavuot learning materials

Contributions to: Daf Hashuva; Balfour Declaration anniversary resources; Shabbat UK programming; 70 Days for 70 Years, etc.

Simchat Torah flags: for schools and chedarim

ShabbatUK: educational resources

From Exile Towards Redemption: The Weinstein Family Edition US/Koren Machzor for Yom Hashoah, Yom Hazikaron, Yom Haatzmaut and Yom Yerushalayim



Tribe Speakers at Community Events

Rabbi Cobi Ebrahimoff - Tribe Rabbi

Bio:

- Former Headteacher of the Independent Jewish Day School
- Current Executive Head of King Solomon School in Israel
- Qualified as a Rabbi through the Chief Rabbinate of Israel
- Holds a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from Leeds University

Suggested Topic Titles Include:

Provision for Special Educational Needs, Behaviour management, Teaching Hebrew Reading, Tefilah and parental partnerships

Rabbi Ebrahimoff is also available to deliver exciting Parasha programmes for children and youth in US Synagogues during Shabbatot and Chagim

Claudia Kitsberg - Head of Living & Learning and Governance, United Synagogue

Bio:

- Researcher for House of Commons
- Educational Researcher for National Foundation for Educational Research (NFER), this included working for Ofsted particularly in the areas of SEN and Early Years
- Management Consultant helping blue-chip companies improve their profit margins
- Maths teacher
- Worked at Mischon de Reya
- Areas of expertise: formal education and governance

Suggested Topic Titles Include:

Any variations on the themes of Formal Education or Governance

Rabbi Michael Laitner - Rabbi of the Jewish Living Division, United Synagogue

Bio:

- Rabbi of Finchley United Synagogue
- Qualified solicitor
- Studied for the rabbinate in Israel, also guiding touring groups
- Work for the United Synagogue focuses primarily on strategic planning, publications, education and representing the organisation
- Areas of expertise: contemporary Jewish topics, traditional shiurim, educational programming, Shabbat programmes

Suggested Topic Titles Include:

British Chief Rabbis, Zionism, History and background of our prayers

Rabbi Eli Levin – Tribe Rabbi

Bio:

- Rabbi at South Hampstead Synagogue
- Chazan and singer
- MBA degree from Bar Ilan University majoring in leadership, management and marketing
- Studied and taught in Israeli Yeshivot and on Birthright programmes
- Worked at synagogues in Melbourne, New York and Johannesburg
- Areas of expertise: Building a sustainable programme for families in our communities, ideas and innovations for community leaders, Jewish educational topics, music and prayer

Suggested Topic Titles Include:

“From the cradle to post-grad...how can we make our community tick for young people and their parents?”

Parents & teenagers Jewish study sessions

“Reaching them where they are...bringing Shabbat and Chagim to life for our children”

The history, meaning and relevance of Jewish prayers and melodies

Ben Vos – Community Liaison Manager, Tribe

Bio:

- Studied History at King’s College London
- Background in Jewish youth movement work including a year in Israel,
- Several years in his university’s Officer’s Training Corps
- Qualified as a pensions solicitor in 2009
- Spent much time volunteering for his shul, Alei Tzion
- Areas of expertise: Jews in war films, all aspects of World War Two, 17th century London society, Anglo-Jewish history, contemporary London Jewish demographics

Suggested Topic Titles Include:

“Funny or Dead: the Violent Emasculation of Jews in a Century of War Films”



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