Launch of The LSJS Rabbi Sacks Learning Fellowship

The LSJS Rabbi Sacks Learning Fellowship launched with a special event on Monday 5th September which saw the group of 20 young professionals gather for the first time. The cohort consists of a mix of students from across the UK as well as the US and South Africa, with classes taking place both online and in-person.

LSJS Rabbi Sacks Fellow Suzy Railly-Chomer, from Sheffield, said "it was a wonderful first session and got me really enthused and fired up for the year ahead".

In 1978, Rabbi Sacks devised a course for students, which aimed to introduce the main themes and challenges of Jewish faith, practice, theology and philosophy. Using this as a springboard, LSJS has updated and re-imagined this course for 2022 designing a programme that will navigate contemporary modern living through an honest engagement with Jewish thought, teachings and wisdom.

Throughout the year long course the fellows will benefit from expert educators from the UK and abroad, including Rabbi Sacks' closest students, such as Dr Erica Brown, Rabbi Dr Raphael Zarum, Rabbi Johnny Solomon, Dr Tanya White and many more.

Michael Rainsbury, LSJS Head of Adult Education said, "I am excited to be working with such an amazing group of fellows and to be delving into some key ideas through the prism of Rabbi Sacks' teaching".

Joanne Greenaway, LSJS Chief Executive, said "LSJS has been training and inspiring educational leaders for over 160 years and it is wonderful to be able to launch a new course specifically designed for young professionals who want to further their Jewish learning and thinking and engage in their communities in the UK and abroad".



Rabbi Dr Raphael Zarum and Joanne Greenaway with the LSJS Rabbi Sacks Learning Fellows who attended in person.

To find out more about the LSJS Rabbi Sacks Learning Fellowship, or how you can join next year, please contact Michael.rainsbury@lsjs.ac.uk