

**New Youth Worker for New Youth Club at Birmingham
Progressive Synagogue**

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Birmingham Progressive Synagogue at The Midlands Centre for Liberal Judaism has appointed Hannah Minsky as Youth Worker to take forward the development of the community's new youth club.

Originally from Southgate in London, Hannah is now in her first year at Birmingham University, where she is studying Maths and Philosophy. She has a background in the Netzer youth movement and has done youth work in both Jewish and non-Jewish settings.

Rabbi Danny Rich said, "In appointing Hannah to this new post Liberal Judaism is responding to the huge demand for Liberal Judaism in the Midlands, which has only grown since the opening of the Midlands Centre for Liberal Judaism last year."

Hannah said, "I look forward to meeting, getting to know and working with the Liberal Jewish community in Birmingham and the Midlands in the near future and setting up what will be an incredible youth club. We have already had our first phenomenally successful event – for Red Nose Day, and I look forward to many more" (*see separate press release*).

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Notes:

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