

LIRA WINSTON *Fellowships*

A PAJES LEADERSHIP PROJECT

We are delighted to invite applications for this prestigious programme, inspired by the passion and convictions of Lira Winston.

Aimed at leaders at Deputy or Assistant Head level, the programme aims to identify and develop potential **Jewish School leaders**, support their professional journeys towards senior leadership and headship, and develop their parallel role as **Jewish community leaders**.

The 2-year programme is **fully funded** and includes:

- An introductory residential
- A series of face-to-face sessions, led by inspirational facilitators on key issues for leaders
- Peer learning groups working on projects identified in their own schools
- Individual coaching and mentoring
- An overseas residential element

The Fellowships are not a generic leadership course: they are a '**big picture**' programme suffused with Jewish learning and values, equipping participants to embrace the unique character and opportunities of education in Jewish schools.

As well as building their skill and confidence as individuals, Fellows become part of a **community of leaders** for the future of our schools and our community.



The programme is for teachers who:

- Are ambitious and outstanding practitioners across all phases and kinds of school, and across all regions of the UK
- Have experience as leaders, and aspiration and potential for Headship in the future
- Are nominated or supported by their current Headteacher
- Are enthused by a vision for the future of the Jewish community and the role of schools in it
- Are qualified (or experienced) at NPQH, NPQSL or similar level
- Are committed to working in Jewish schools in the UK

If this could be you:

- Please apply by completing this form pajes.org.uk/lira-winston-fellowship-application-form by 30 January 2026
- A reference will be sought from your current headteacher
- Shortlisted candidates will be called for interview in March 2026
- The cohort of 10-12 will be announced ahead of the graduation of the first cohort on 16 April 2026. Successful candidates will be invited to this event.

The opening residential will take place in late Spring, followed by approximately 6 day events across 2026-28 including an overseas residential.

For further details or a confidential conversation, please contact the programme facilitator, Rachel Barbanel, at rachel.barbanel@pajes.org.uk

