

# MANDIE WINSTON

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## UJIA Chief Executive

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Mandie Winston is the Chief Executive at UJIA having held the post since January 2020.

Prior to joining UJIA, Mandie spent 18 years at the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), rising through the ranks to become its Executive Director for global disaster and international development programmes working in communities across the globe including Sri Lanka, the Philippines, Nepal, Haiti, Ethiopia and Bosnia.

Mandie's background in community development began in London as a youth movement leader and she credits UJIA as having giving her the opportunity to develop a lifelong connection with Israel and the Jewish people. She was privileged to lead some of the first ever Jewish camps in the former Soviet Union after the fall of the Iron Curtain. Mandie also served as JDC's Regional Director of the Africa and Asia Region delivering education, social services and community development initiatives for remnant and emerging Jewish communities in India, China and North Africa.

Mandie holds an MSc in International Relations with a specialization in development economics from the New School in New York and a BA from UCL in Jewish History. She currently sits on the board of the Nala Foundation, an Israel NGO working in Ethiopia to eradicate diseases of poverty. Having made Aliya in 1996, Mandie currently lives in London with her family.