



# Message *from* the President

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Dear Member

We are finally in our exciting new building (although as with all major projects there are still plenty of items to complete) and the unanimous view of the community is that our Shule is wonderful!

There are so many things to say about the whole process but my speech, given at the Opening (slightly edited!) makes several key points.

*"This is a speech of thanks and I would like to begin by thanking Dayan Berger for helping to make this event so very special for the whole community*

*Of course many of our members have been involved in this magnificent project but I must specially thank two people.*

*Firstly, our Building Chairman Terry Krell has played the key role of project manager and lead fundraiser. His enthusiasm, dedication, energy and straightforward optimism have been simply magnificent. Meeting after meeting, phone call after phone call, arm twisting after arm twisting Terry has been there. Always positive, always committed to making this happen. Terry, you have been fantastic and the community has no idea of the debt of gratitude it owes you. On behalf of every one of us thank you; it now gives me great pleasure to present Terry and Hilary with a plaque inscribed .....*

*My final thank you is to our Rov; who has been an endless source of ideas, energy and support for the design and often project management of our new building.*

*He has inspired the community to reach out for a new building that is exciting, beautiful and very spiritual.*

*My prayer is that with Hashems help he will continue to lead our community to fill up the building with minyanim and learning, and make our new beautiful Shule the centre of our community"*

Clearly we will be forever grateful to those who supported the project. The challenge now, though, is to use the building and that is every ones individual opportunity for growth as Jewish person.

How do you do that? The answer is to be involved. It doesn't matter where you start as long as you do start: either by learning, by helping or simply by attending.

Call the special number (904 8046) now to register your willingness to do something. (you will not be asked for money!)

I wish you all a happy and kosher Pesach