

## Message from the President.....

It has been nearly a year since I took office and time has really flown by.

Let me firstly thank my wife, Gillian, for all her support and hard work - I could not have managed without it.

I also wish to thank my Executive and Council for all their support and hard work.

A special thank you to our Hon Sec Stuart Ferster, who steps down at the AGM after 3 years of selfless devotion to the community. I wish both Shelly and Stuart a happy retirement from Shule business (for the moment!??).

We have seen a growth in the membership and warmly welcome those who have recently joined us. Sadly some members have been taken from us and I wish their

families a long and healthy life free from further sorrow.

The finances of the Shule on a day to day basis are stretched to their capacity. However a project that was completed just after Chanukah will ensure that our building fund deficit will be extinguished. The interest savings are to be used totally for the improvement of our educational needs. We will be able to guarantee that future generations will be sustained because of the members of this project.

I have expanded the facilities available to the FED in the Philip Davis Community Centre and trust that our kehilla will be able to give them the support they need.

Our ex officio, Anthony Thwaites, is chairing the new committee which represents the South



Manchester and North Cheshire Schools in relation to the new Maccabi/JNF/Southside youth worker. This is a very exciting project for not only our youth, but the whole of the communities in the area. A full progress report will be in the next issue of Gesher.

I know the requirements for Pesach this year are a humdinger, but Gillian and myself wish you a kosher and happy Yom Tov, Chag Kasher V' Sameach.

*Stephen J Cohen*