



Old Shul - New Shul

When the Torah was given to the Jewish People at Mount Sinai, the Shechinah (the Divine Presence) resided with them. After the Mishkan (Tabernacle) was built and the Children of Israel began once again their journeys in the wilderness, the Shechinah travelled with them. This meant that all the Kedushah (Sanctity) that was present at Sinai disappeared and would never be present there ever again.

When we leave our old Shul in Wootton Gardens, the Shechinah will be journeying with us to our new Shul in Manor Road. As sad as it is to leave a place that has meant so much to us over a hundred years of religious services, great Simchas and great community gatherings there will be a renewal taking place at our new abode, where we will try and replicate all the inspiration that was achieved in our old Shul in our new home.

Our founding father Avraham perceived the presence of G-d through a mountain and his son Yitzchok our second patriarch perceived Hashem through a field. On the other hand, our father Ya'akov related to G-d through a house (bayis). For Ya'akov's direct

descendants, us, the Jewish people, the House of Hashem, our Mikdash M'at (our little Temple) is a place of communal gathering and individual introspection where we relate to our Creator on the deepest levels of closeness to Him without the disturbances of the outside world.

Our old Shul personified what our father Ya'akov desired for a house of G-d, as a gateway to Shemayim (the Heavens). So now when we make our momentous move to our new Shul, we will be creating a new home for the Shechinah to reside amongst us.

May Hashem bless our new Shul to become, a place of soul-searching prayer; a place where the relationship between man and his fellow man will flourish bringing happiness and growth to the whole community of Bournemouth; a place of the deepest inspiration to all those who set foot into it.

Wishing much hatzlocho (success) to all the pioneers of this community-changing project.

Rabbi Alan & Miriam Lewis



Moving forward together

Dear Friends

As Chair of Bournemouth Community Hebrew Congregation, it is a privilege to write at this historic moment for our Kehilla. After more than a century in Wootton Gardens, we now stand on the threshold of a new chapter — moving into a beautiful new home on the East Cliff.

This building is far more than bricks and mortar. It will be the beating heart of our Kehilla — a place to daven, celebrate, find comfort and nurture our shared identity. It reflects the warmth, values and vibrancy that define BCHC now, and for generations to come.

Our recent 120th Anniversary reminded us of the strength of those who came before us. Now it falls to us to ensure the next 120 years are equally blessed. With Hashem's help, we are building not just a synagogue, but a beacon of faith, learning and community life

for Bournemouth and beyond.

Yet the truth is, we cannot achieve this without YOU. A project of this scale requires significant financial support. The building may be standing, but the fittings, furnishings and final touches that will make it a true home can only be completed through fundraising.

Every contribution, large or small, is a brick in the foundation of the future we will hand down to our children and grandchildren. If you are a current or former member, a friend of the community or someone with a connection to BCHC, we ask you to take part. Please share this with anyone who has ever felt part of our special Congregation — every gift makes a difference.

None of this would be possible without the tireless efforts of our Trustees, Simon Lurie, Simon Pinner, Jonathan Marriott, the Steering Committee, The Executive and

Board, together with numerous hardworking volunteers. To all of you, heartfelt thanks.

Collectively, we can ensure that when we gather for tefillah, for learning, for simchas and for Kiddush, we do so in a setting that is worthy of our heritage and our hopes for the future.

We're moving forward ... don't be left out ... please join in.

With warmest wishes

Bettina Gould, Chair



Lobby

Together everything is possible

Dear Friends,

I'm delighted to share an overview on Project 53 – that is transforming our new home into a truly **sacred, inspiring, and uplifting spiritual home**. Our building will honour our heritage while embracing the future, using the latest technologies to reduce daily costs and serving as a **welcoming beacon of faith, joy, and community**.

Every detail has been carefully thought through. A stunning **custom-designed Aron** will sit at the heart of the synagogue, with natural light and creative lighting bringing warmth and atmosphere. The ground floor has been completely rebuilt with new flooring, ceilings, heating, air-conditioning and joinery. The **function hall** will be flexible and modern, ready to host simchas, events and celebrations.

Accessibility has been a priority: a new ramp from Manor Road, level

flooring throughout, and wheelchair-friendly spaces ensure everyone feels included. A new mechitzah, comfortable seating, Bimah, Rabbi's seat and lectern have been designed to fit beautifully with our style. Ensuring our history continues to enrich our future, our much-loved **memorial boards, Holocaust memorial and stained-glass windows** are being seamlessly integrated and re-imagined, with light boxes offering fresh opportunities for members to dedicate in memory or honour.

The kitchen has been upgraded with milk and pareve facilities (a meat kitchen is planned later), Wi-Fi and office spaces are modernised, storage improved, and restrooms including disabled facilities, brought up to a much higher standard. Upstairs, the **Sharek Tzedek Prayer Hall** remains intact but refreshed, with a new kitchen and a dedicated resources room for study and discussion. – encouraging learning, dialogue, and connection.

Our main entrance will be at **28B Manor Road**, marking a proud new chapter in our story.

This journey has been challenging and exhilarating in equal measure. On behalf of the Leadership Team, I want to thank every single person who has given their time, energy and vision. Special thanks go to Jonathan Marriott, Simon Pinner, the Steering Committee, the Chair, Executive, Board and our Senior Trustees.

We cannot wait to welcome you into our uplifting new home.

Warm regards

Simon Lurie, Project Leader



Banqueting Hall



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HOW TO JOIN IN

Help us make the new BCHC Community Centre the best it can be!

Our new BCHC Community Centre is more than bricks and mortar – it is the heart of our future, a place of faith, learning, and community. A shul for generations – built by us, for us.

We need your help now!

Every gift makes a difference, and every contribution leaves a legacy.
Here are three meaningful ways you can join in by ticking the relevant box.



1. Name a Space or Furnishing – Leave a Heritage today

Would you like to dedicate part of the building or major furniture in memory of a loved one?

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Opportunities from £1,000

Please contact me with available options

2. Endow a Seat in the Shul – including a personal plaque with your message.

Each of the 120 chairs in the Shul can be endowed for £300,

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I would like to endow a chair (s)

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Number of Chairs [insert quantity]

3. Join Our Circle of Support

Choose your level of commitment and become part of our fundraising family:

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Chaver – £250

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This is our moment to create a centre that reflects our values, welcomes every generation, and secures our community for years to come.

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