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Message from the President of the United Synagogue

The closure of any community is bittersweet. Bitter, because we never like our shuls to close. But sweet because of the wonderful memories enjoyed by hundreds of people connected with South London Synagogue over the years.

Yours is a longstanding and proud community, incorporating a number of historic United Synagogue shuls across South London including the Borough, Bolingbroke, Brixton, New Cross and Streatham. This makes your decision to come to us to ask for closure even more poignant. I commend your Honorary Officers and you, the members, on the brave decision you have taken.

Closing weighs heavy on all of our hearts. The United Synagogue Council recognised the proposal put to it by the South London Honorary Officers was painful but concluded it was the right thing for your members.

On behalf of the United Synagogue, I want to pay tribute to your Chair, Geoffrey Harris, together with Lynne, your Financial Representative and synagogue administrator and Warden Jeffrey Galvan for their extraordinary service to their community. We are pleased we will be able to mark the closure together with a celebratory service and that we have been archiving and photographing material so South London Synagogue’s rich history is properly documented.

Although the building might be closing, the community will live on. I am delighted that South London members will now be able to join a United Synagogue of their choice and we will facilitate the smooth transfer. And not only that, so many items will live on in other United Synagogue communities, from the aron hakodesh to the hot trays!

We wish you all well with your continued association with the United Synagogue.

Michael Goldstein
President, United Synagogue

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