

# In the News

## Chabad-Lubavitch NE London And Essex Launches 5-Year Plan at Community Dinner

Over 200 guests joined Chabad-Lubavitch NE London and Essex for their recent annual dinner to celebrate the ongoing work and growth of Chabad in

Essex. The dinner launched the exciting five-year development plan created for the Essex Jewish community by Chabad North East London and Essex. The evening also gave Chabad the opportunity to highlight the huge success and the 10th Anniversary of Chabad Buckhurst Hill and recognise the continued hard work and dedication of Rabbi Odom and Henny Brandman.

Guest speaker Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau, former Chief Rabbi of Israel, gave an inspiring talk on the future of the Jewish community across the world. He said that the greatest threat to all Jewish communities is assimilation and only with organisations like Chabad can we begin to solve this problem.

The dinner reached Chabad's fundraising target of £50,000, which will ensure that Chabad can continue with their ongoing projects and community engagement across North East London and Essex.

There are currently four Chabad couples residing in Essex, aiming to build and support new and existing communities: Rabbi Aryeh and Rebbetzen Deborah Sufirin, based in Gants Hill; Rabbi Moshe and Rebbetzen Brocha Muller; Rabbi Odom and Henny Brandman, Directors of Chabad Buckhurst Hill; and the newly appointed Director of Services and Young Couples, Rabbi Rafi and Rebbetzen Chaya Brocha Goodwin, based in Barkingside.

Rabbi Aryeh Sufirin, MBE, Executive Director of Chabad Lubavitch Centre NE London and Essex, said, "This year at the dinner we were delighted to launch our five-year development plan, which continues to deliver our promise to support, develop and grow the community in Essex. We have worked extremely hard over the last 32 years underpinning the strong Jewish community in Essex, and bringing a community to so many new areas of Essex."

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(L to R) Moshe Muller, Mr. Paul Groman-Marks, Rabbi Odom Brandman, guest speaker Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau, Mr. Daren Burney, Rabbi Aryeh Sufirin and Rabbi Rafi Goodwin at the annual Chabad NE London and Essex dinner.