

# Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy Charity Fund

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## TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

Having decided last year to repair and refurbish the Sir J J Agiary in Pune, we were keen to engage an Architect who was not just young and enthusiastic, but also someone who would personally devote attention to the Project and regularly visit the site. I am grateful to Farida & Dara Khambatta for having recommended the name of Mr Maneck Gilder.

Though Mr Gilder had admittedly never undertaken this kind of assignment, it was encouraging to find that he brought with him a lot of fresh and intelligent ideas which helped us to successfully recreate an old-world charm in this 167 year-old House of Worship. Though it was explained to him at the outset that our financial outlay would be dependent on the Donations we raised, it neither dampened his spirits nor did his enthusiasm diminish to the slightest extent. Besides being totally adaptable to our needs and taste, he even introduced us to a known and trusted contact of his, who executed a major part of the work for us on a gratuitous basis.

During the last 12 months of our association, I have had the opportunity to closely observe the dedication and the single-mindedness of purpose with which he works. I have also admired how he is a totally "hands-on" person who goes about accomplishing every task with a quiet sense of professionalism and commitment. Though I have, during this period developed a close rapport with Mr Gilder and have even started addressing him by his first name, he respectfully refuses, in spite of my best efforts, to return the favour.

I have absolutely no hesitation in whole heartedly recommending Mr Maneck Gilder as a competent and trustworthy Architect whose job ethic and innovative ideas will make him a pleasure to work with.

  
Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy

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