

## Presidential Review

### Stephen J Cohen - President

It has been nearly 2 years since I took office and I think I am going to try for the hat-trick.

Let me once again 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 the Rabbi and Ruthie who continue to be a source of comfort and inspiration to so many of our members.

We have seen a continued 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.

As you will be aware a large group of members went on the Hale Israel Family Shabbaton in February. It was a resounding success and I must thank the Labatons for the part they played in making it all happen. During the visit Gillian and myself had the great honour to represent the community at a private meeting with the President of Israel Moshe Katsav. It was at this meeting that I blessed the President with the Birchat Kohanim - a truly memorable and moving

occasion. I was going to go into greater detail but I am aware that if Barry Price reads this he will start yawning and fall asleep - so for health and safety reasons I won't.

The Nursery holds a special place within the community. It is the first step in structured Jewish education for our children. I implore parents to send their children to it. Your executive is committed to its continuing success.

Finally Gillian and myself wish you a kosher and happy Yom Tov, Chag Sameach.

*Stephen J Cohen*  
President