



## **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS – Tony Nothman**

Having recently taken over this portfolio, my report is based on the good work done by my predecessor Jon Berman. I'd like to put on record my thanks for his work, knowledge and advice as he passes the baton.

As in previous years, we strive to develop and maintain our building and grounds in the most efficient and effective manner. This is an ongoing task and one that takes considerable effort from all those involved, not least because as our building ages, it requires more attention. I know I am repeating the statement by many of my predecessors but the cost of maintaining our buildings is significant and expenditure is both necessary and important for our community.

There is a programme of gradual improvements across our estate that we are working through both externally and internally. These include painting and decoration, but also several health, safety and security upgrades. My thanks to Aaron Kader, our Site Manager, for his hard work and commitment on much of this.

I must also acknowledge the work of our gardening team, led by Steve and Liz Yates. Our grounds are a fabulous asset and one that we want the community to enjoy, but it does require significant work. We are always looking for willing volunteers!

Alongside our ongoing maintenance, we have several major projects aimed at making us more energy efficient and reducing our carbon footprint – for instance, electricity generated through our solar panel roof installation.

Our current heating, lighting and related systems are not all as resilient or efficient as we need them to be. We need to be able to control all our systems across the entire building, regardless of how often each area is used. New technology will help us to do this in an efficient and effective way.



## **COMMUNICATIONS – Elizabeth Prais**

Our community uses three main communication channels to keep members updated with what is going on: Hadashot, weekly emails, and the website.