



TEMPLE EMUNAH 55+ CLUB



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A new year begins for students and teachers, and also for Temple activities, including our very own Temple Emunah 55+ Club (affectionately known as USY for seniors). We held our first board meeting of the year on August 2nd, welcoming both new and returning board members. Reports from the Programs, Trips, and Movie Matinees committees indicated that your board has indeed been very busy.

We tried some casual programming over the summer - a Bicentennial Band Concert at Hastings Park and a Met Encore presentation of *Tosca* at the Burlington Theater. While attendance was light, those of us who came were rewarded with enjoyable experiences. The Lowell Spinners game, on the other hand, was a sell-out; the kids who came clearly had the best time of all!

A highlight of the summer was that our 55+ Club received a Gold Award from the United Synagogue for excellence in programming. Thanks are due to our past president, Lester Macklin, for submitting the presentation, to our board members for their creativity, and to the membership for supporting our programming. Yasher koach to all!

There had been some discussion with the Temple administration and the 55+ board about changing our name to one that was not age-related. At the August meeting we decided *not* to change our name, feeling that after 15 years 55+ has taken on the status of a brand name. (We have added the Hazak and Temple Emunah logos to our masthead, since we are part of both of these organizations.) We don't 'card' attendees at our events, and we are sure that if you try us, you'll like us. I attended my first 55+ breakfast several years before I reached my 55th birthday. I had expressed interest in a particular program to a long-standing member and friend, who responded: "You can have some of my years. I have plenty!" Thank you, Bess.

Our first breakfast of the year will be held on September 18th, with a speaker on the Jewish community of Cuba. Please join us.

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