

Presidential Matters

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Three important issues highlight what promises to be a busy winter season for the Board of Trustees. Due to a snowstorm, the January Board meeting was canceled, necessitating a delay in addressing concerns regarding security, placement of memorial plaques, and the leadership initiative.

To temporarily address the safety of all members and visitors, we have implemented steps that require the support of all members. Entry to the synagogue will be secure with personnel stationed at entrances to permit access. The Board will discuss filing a grant with Homeland Security to upgrade security throughout the building.

A special committee continues to work on a plan for the display of memorial plaques. Architects have been interviewed and a recommendation will be presented to the Board no later than the March meeting.

We are also moving along in our participation in the United Synagogue's Sulam for Leadership program. As Bob mentioned in a previous Temple Talk, our kickoff breakfast inspired Executive Board members. A special thank you to longtime member, Bruce Kauffman, who has assumed a leadership role in the initiative. The program will be presented to the Board at its February meeting.

Bob and I continue to focus on these issues in addition to the day-to-day operation of the synagogue. The transition of the two synagogues has been fluid; however, that is simply the framework for the future and our success will be determined by the joint efforts of all congregants.

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