# Northern New Jersey Region – FJMC Twenty-second Annual

# Man of the Year/ Youth of the Year Dinner 2011/5772

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Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael, Springfield

> Wednesday, November 16<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 The Grand Marquis, Old Bridge

The Men's Club of Congregation Beth Israel

Scotch Plains, NJ

Presents the 2011 Man of the Year Award to



# Jay Goldring

And the Youth of the Year Award to



Michael Sabony

The awards this year are presented in memory of

# Les Klein

Beloved Men's Club President 2006-2008



Les was an inspiration to all of us

We miss you Les!

# Program for the Evening

Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael - November 9, 2011 The Grand Marquis - November 16, 2011

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### 6 PM

Check-in, Registration, Social Hour

### 7:30 PM

Ma'ariv Service

National Anthems

D'Var Torah

Club Man of the Year / Youth of the Year Presentations Dave Mandell, Regional President, EBJC, East Brunswick Jeff Schulman, Executive Vice-President, Congregation Neve Shalom, Metuchen

> Regional Man of the Year Presentation Rob Blitzer, Beth El Synagogue, East Windsor

### 8:30 PM

Dessert is Served.

We would like to thank The Grand Marquis and Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael for their help making these dinners successful!

Thank you for attending.

Please Drive carefully and arrive home safely.

# 2011/5772 Men's Club Award Recipients

# MAN OF THE YEAR

# YOUTH OF THE YEAR

Joel Kurtz NORTHERN NEW JERSEY REGION				
Dave SolomonBETH EL SYNAGOGUE - East Windsor	Laura Bortnick			
Mike ChiaetCONGREGATION AGIDATH ISRAEL – Caldwell				
Dr. Mark Silverstein CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL - Toms River Adam Rosen				
Ernie Buehler CONGREGATION B'NAI JESHURUN - Staten Island				
Steve KatzCONGREGATION B'NAI TIKVAH—North Brunswick				
Jay GoldringCONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL - Scotch Plains Michael Sabony				
Josh Rabinowitz CONGREGATION BETH OHR - Old Bridge				
Wally Cowan CONGREGATION BETH SHOLOM – Teaneck	Ayal Goldberg			
Harold Geller CONGREGATION NEVE SHALOM - Metuchen	Josh Ull			
Steve Harkavy EAST BRUNSWICK JEWISH CENTER - East Brunswick				
Stuart AlperFair Lawn Jewish Center/B'Nai Israel - Fair Lawn				
Dr. Marc Weinstein - HIGHLAND PARK CONSERVATIVE TEMPLE - Highland Park - Emma Mael				
Steve Solomon OHEV SHALOM/MARLBORO JEWISH CENTER – Marlboro Evan J. Fox				
Alan Rothberg PINE BROOK JEWISH CENTER – Montville Gabe Weiss				
Barry Blecherman SHOMREI TORAH – Wayne				
Brian Levine				
Michael Roth TEMPLE BETH O'R/BETH TORAH – Clark Daniel Brotman				
Ira SessierTEMPLE BETH SHALOM – Livingston				
Burt Mandell TEMPLE BETH-EL MEKOR CHAYIM – Cranford				
Bob Obeiter				
Alan RubinTEMPLE SHOLOM - Bridgewater	Jason Ginsberg			

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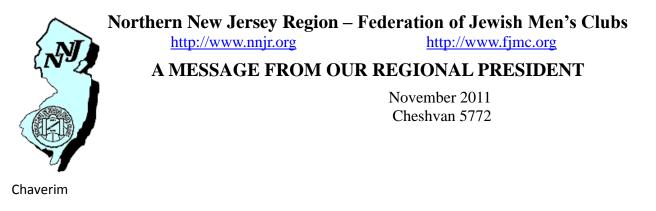
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#### **Rabinic Advisor:**

Rabbi Joshua Finkelstein - East Brunswick Jewish Center, East Brunswick



I want to welcome all of you to the NNJR Man of the Year Dinner. I extend a hearty Yasher Koach to all of the Men and Youth who are being honored; each one of you has the respect and admiration of your Synagogues, clubs and peers, for all that you do to make a difference.

The stated purpose of the International Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs – to involve Jewish Men in Jewish Life – and each activity of our clubs can help to connect our members and potential members to the greater Jewish Community, and this is good. Success is not always measured by the sheer number of participants. Some programs, such as a Hearing Men's Voices Session, may be more successful with a small group. Others, such as the World Wide Wrap and the Yellow Candle Program, work best with as wide a participation base as possible.

When I was installed as Regional President, I stated that my primary focus over my term as President would be focusing efforts on servicing our clubs. You are our reason for being here. We do this through providing resources, such as people and expertise, and sharing what works in other clubs. We have a variety of club leader training sessions scheduled, and if you have a specific topic you would like to cover, please let us know. Our district meetings, which were started as a means to facilitate interactions between club leaders, continue, as well as our training sessions at regional board meetings. Our club liaisons will continue to reach out to each club, and we are working on ways to use social media to help facilitate sharing and disseminating information with club leaders. I have been welcomed in many clubs during my tenure to date, and I look forward to visiting with all of our clubs before my term is up. I want to hear from you as to what your questions and concerns are, as well as about your successes.

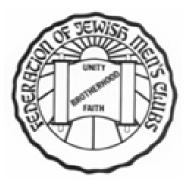
Share your successful events with your peers – The FJMC Torch Awards, given out at the convention, provide recognition for clubs who do this. Another FJMC initiative, the Quality Club Award, recognizes clubs who achieve a level of participation over a range of FJMC, Regional and club activities. Last year, 10 of our clubs were recognized as Quality Clubs by the FJMC; ore clubs than any other region. I want to increase that number this year. In June, we will participate in a Quad Region Retreat – Come with us, and see for yourself how sharing a weekend with 100 other guys can reinvigorate you! I am grateful to our NNJR team, whose efforts to support our clubs, allows me to kvell about our successes. Jeff Schulman, NNJR Executive VP, has been relentless in his efforts in support of our clubs. Through the efforts of our VP's and district Roshes, Joel Kurtz, Harvey Hershkowitz and David Millman, VPs Elliott Brown, Harvin Freedman, and Dave Yellin, Treasurer Rob Blitzer, Financial Secretary Brian Frisch, Recording Secretary Rich Nebb, and Corresponding Secretary Henry Feinberg, our dedicated past presidents, and each of our trustees, we are available to help you.

Our Region honors Joel Kurtz, of Congregation B'nai Israel in Toms River, as our Regional Man of the Year. Joel has served as a VP and district Rosh for several years, led the efforts to bring our guys to the FJMC Convention this past July, has chaired the Man of Year Dinner, and brings solid advice and ideas to our board. Our Man of the Year Dinners are the signature events of the region. The Dinner Chairs, Harvey Hershkowitz for the Northern Dinner, and David Yellin for the Southern Dinner, have done an outstanding job in making it seem so easy. Dave Millman and Stu Mantel, Journal Chairs, have also done a yeoman's job at coordinating the efforts of obtaining bios, ads and making this a truly memorable commemorative book.

Tonight we honor a group of volunteers. Indeed, the FJMC, the NNJR, and your clubs run on the efforts of volunteers. You all make a difference in the lives of your families, your clubs, your shuls and the greater Jewish Community, and for that, I congratulate and thank you.

Working Together, We Can Do So Much More.

Dave Mandell, Regional President DLMcpa@comcast.net



# WHAT IS FJMC? THE FEDERATION OF JEWISH MEN'S CLUBS?

The mission of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs is to involve Jewish men in Jewish life. We improve the quality of Jewish life; contribute to the enhancement of our Conservative Jewish identity locally and world-wide; strengthen and build local Jewish Men's Clubs; and increase membership for the purpose of providing excellence in education, training, and social and community activity. Today there are over 25,000 members from Men's Clubs across the United States and Canada. We are growing every day. We are

improving Jewish life every day.

Rabbi Samuel M. Cohen created the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs in 1929 as the National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs of the United Synagogue of America. Rabbi Cohen brought together leaders from existing Men's Clubs to foster an interchange of ideas and to help them focus on their common needs. Since that time, the FJMC has continued to evolve and currently consists of hundreds of Men's Clubs in Conservative congregations in eighteen regions in North America.

From 1945 to 1985, the late Rabbi Joel S. Geffen (z''l) guided the FJMC. He was engaged by the Jewish Theological Seminary to travel throughout North America in order to expand the influence of the Seminary and to build future synagogue leadership through Men's Clubs. As a result of this strong relationship, the leadership of the FJMC also developed a strong attachment and working relationship with the Jewish Theological Seminary. This relationship with the Seminary and all of the constituent organizations in the Conservative/Masorti Movement remains strong today, fostered by current FJMC leadership and by Rabbi Charles Simon, who joined the FJMC in 1983 as Executive Director.

A major effort of the FJMC is to provide tools and skills to our Men's Clubs. This process began in the late 1930's with the publication of the first Men's Club "President's Manual" and has continued to date. Club and Regional Officers manuals are continuously revised to meet the current changes in the Jewish Community. The current Club Officers Manual is available through the Northern NJ Region.

In addition to these leadership materials, the FJMC has created many exciting programs. Our book and program series "Hearing Men's Voices" contains information on relationships between fathers and sons, men's health issues and interfaith marriages. Our "Art of Jewish Living" series includes books on Shabbat, Passover, Chanukah and Mourning issues. And then there are our videotapes including "Inbound Mercy" program dealing with teenage drunk driving and "The Ties That Bind", a poignant tape taking you through the meaning of wearing Tefillin, the incredible feeling you get from wearing Tefillin and the connection with the Almighty. The World Wide Wrap, now in its eighth year, has grown from this initiative. FJMC programs and materials are highlighted on the FJMC website. Please visit it at: http://www.fjmc.org.

The FJMC plays an important role in the worldwide Conservative/Masorti movement. The current FJMC President, Mike Mills and Rabbi Charles Simon, our Executive Director, sit on the Leadership Council of Conservative Judaism. The council is composed of the leaders of the Jewish Theological Seminary, the Rabbinical Assembly, the United Synagogue for Conservative Judaism, Women's League and the FJMC. The Leadership Council meets four times a year to determine the agenda of the Conservative Movement. In addition, the FJMC President sits on the boards of other Conservative Movement organizations including the Jewish Theological Seminary, the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, Mercaz and Masorti Olami, the World Council of Synagogues. Outside the Conservative Movement, the FJMC also maintains a NGO seat at the UN.

To learn more about what you can do to improve the quality of Jewish life, contribute to the enhancement of our Conservative Jewish identity, strengthen and build local Jewish Men's Clubs, contact your Men's Club President today! If you're a Club President, you should know and talk with your Northern New Jersey Region liaison frequently. You can find them on our regional website at: http://www.nnjr.org.

## "WORKING TOGETHER, WE CAN DO SO MUCH MORE" ...HINEI MA TOV U"MANAYIM...



# WHAT'S THE E-BUZZ

ATTENTION ALL NNJR CLUBS AND MEMBERS! HAVE YOU GOTTEN A BUZZ RECENTLY? ARE YOU GETTING BUZZED? HEY, WHAT'S THE e-BUZZ?

The e-Buzz is a newsletter that NNJR periodically distributes to its Clubs, leaders and members. Buzz messages go out on a regional list server which includes as many email addresses for NNJR/FJMC members as we can get.

Each e-Buzz contains news from the region and from our clubs. The e-Buzz is published on a monthly basis, depending on the

holidays and summer (when the e-Buzz takes a nap). When regional events have deadlines, sometimes you can be "Buzzed" more frequently. Clubs are encouraged to share their news with other clubs in the region, and that can be done by sending material to the e-Buzz editor, region Corresponding Secretary or Region President.

The NNJR e-Buzz used to be delivered the old fashioned way, by mail. But, now with the new third millennium (well, actually the Jewish people are in their SIXTH millennium, but who's counting), we have adopted more up to date methods – namely, e-mail.

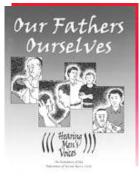
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# **Hearing Men's Voices**

#### A Set of Six Programming Books from FJMC



# OUR FATHERS, OURSELVES

The first installment of the Hearing Men's Voices series explores men's roles in the Jewish family and provides programming ideas to help men better understand and strengthen their relationships with their fathers and children.

LISTENING TO GOD'S

The third installment in

the Hearing Men's Voices

series focuses on men's

examines the nature of

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lesson plans designed to stimulate discussion in

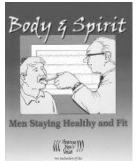
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#### **BODY & SPIRIT**

The second book in the Hearing Men's Voices series discusses health issues that concern men and provides tips on how to live healthier and happier lives.



#### WORK & WORTH

Groundbreaking essays on the significance of work in men's lives. Includes structured program ideas to explore work-related topics in your community. Covers everything from security issues to workplace ethics, illness, and the loss of a job.



#### BUILDING THE FAITH (KERUV PART I)

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A Book of Inclusion for Dual-Faith Families

The issue of intermarriage confronts us as a community and within our own families. How do we reach out to encourage these families to increase their involvement in Jewish life?

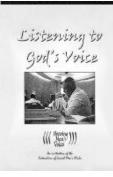
#### LET'S TALK ABOUT IT (KERUV PART II)

Let's Talk About It is the second part of the FJMC's discussion of the issue of intermarriage that confronts us as a community and within our own families.



These books are available through your NNJR Club Liaison or by on-line ordering from the FJMC website.

No club should be without these outstanding programs





## MAZOT? What Is This?

(Please do not discard this page. It contains Shemot and must be handled appropriately)



This is a portion of the FJMC Sefer Haftarah, a project initiated by our Federation in 2003. The entire scroll of Haftarot readings circulates around FJMC regions and NNJR is scheduled to have it again this year. If you have not seen this ritual object, make it a point to find out where the Sefer will be when it comes to NJ. Individual portions can be commissioned to be produced by soferim (scribes) in Israel, and they make wonderful gifts for Bar and Bat Mitzvah families.

For additional info, go to

http://www.fjmc.org/index.php?option=com\_content&view=article&id=64&Itemid=86 or contact Dave Mandell.(dmandell@fjmc.org) or call 908-601-7348

# **Did You Know That FJMC Offers Tefillin?**



The wearing of tefillin is a continued catalyst for Jewish spiritual growth. It is a highly personal act that serves to reinforce Jewish identity. The FJMC is dedicated to providing kosher tefillin at reasonable prices. We carry tefillin in several sizes and styles. We also offer all of our tefillin in both right-handed (*for righties*) and left-handed (*for lefties*) varieties. All of our tefillin are made in Israel. For more information about tefillin and for suggested program ideas utilizing tefillin, visit FJMC on the web at:

http://fjmc.org/index.php?option=com\_virtuemart&page=shop.browse&category\_id=19&Itemid =131

DON'T FORGET TO START PLANNING YOUR WORLD WIDE WRAP PROGRAM NOW. REGISTER YOUR CLUB WHEN YOU GET BACK FROM THE DINNER, BEFORE SHABBAT. IT IS EASY. IF YOUR CLUB HAS NOT PARTICIPATED IN THE WORLD WIDE WRAP BEFORE, CALL YOUR NNJR LIAISON OR ANY BOARD MEMBER. LET US TELL YOU WHAT IT TAKES TO WRAP AND ROLL.

Register (or look at photographs of last year's New Jersey Wrappers) at:: http://www.worldwidewrap.org/

At that website, you can find out about the latest FJMC Tefillin Programs, developed by Torch Award winning clubs, such as "Team Tefillin" and "Build-A-Pair". If you want to make your religious school principal deliriously happy, don't wait – look for this symbol!





# YOM HASHOAH YELLOW CANDLE PROGRAM Always Participate Never Forget the Six Million 27 Nisan 5772– April 19, 2012 Zachor! G'dank! What is the Yellow Candle<sup>™</sup> Program?

The Yellow Candle was conceived in 1983 by FJMC Clubs in Massachusetts and Canada to help keep alive the memory of the Six Million Jews who perished in the Holocaust. It is modeled after the traditional Jewish memorial candle that burns for 24 hours during mourning periods and on the anniversary of the death of a family member.

The candle's yellow wax and symbol depict a Jewish star and strand of barbed wire to remind us of the yellow arm band Jews were forced to wear during the Nazi regime. The photo on the candle shows youngsters departing a concentration camp and emphasizes the importance of teaching our youth the lessons of the Holocaust and of remembering the Six Million.

Interest in the Holocaust is at an all time high. In an age of terrorism and violence, more and more people are sensitive to the fact that genocide is not a private matter limited to the Jewish community. For Jews especially, world events (including never-ending occurrences of anti-Semitism) make memorializing the Holocaust more important than ever. We urge everyone to take a fresh look at the candle program this year. It is today's news. In today's terror-filled world, the lessons of the Holocaust are as timely and relevant this year as they were half a century ago. It is critical that these lessons be learned by the Next Generation.

Who benefits from the Yellow Candle Program?

• **Men's Clubs.** The program provides the Men's Club (or other participating group) a purpose and a significant project upon which to focus. The program is an excellent vehicle for training its members and cultivating volunteers.

• **Synagogues.** The program benefits the synagogue because it unites the congregation through an inter-age effort and provides a focus for Yom HaShoah programming.

• **Communities.** The program benefits the community by bringing the resources that Men's Clubs have at their disposal to aid and assist community observances and to make the public more aware of the lessons of the Holocaust.

• **Our Youth.** The FJMC has established an international scholarship fund "From Darkness into Light," available to members of USY chapters in participating synagogues to help offset the cost of attending the USY Poland or Eastern Europe/Israel Seminar.

• **Charities**. Yellow Candle programs can be a source of funding for other meaningful programs related to Yom HaShoah. For example, the Blue Card Fund benefits indigent survivors. Other clubs target funds for local Holocaust memorials, libraries, gardens, Holocaust Museum trips and scholarships for USY Pilgrimage summer programs.

For more details consult the FJMC Yellow Candle Program Guide available from our website: <a href="https://www.nnjr.org"></a>



# BIENNIAL MEN'S RETREAT!

Friday 1:30pm-Sunday 11am

# June 1 - 3, 2012

Join Your Brothers from: HVR, MAR, NNJR and NYM

# ENERGIZE YOUR MIND, BODY AND SOUL

- Softball and Other Sports Boating and Fishing
- Nature Trails
- Cycling
- Shabbat Experience Havdallah under the stars
- Incredible Ruach and Camaraderie...and much more!

Cost of get-a-way is <u>subsidized by NNJR</u> and may be subsidized by your club, too. . .

Questions? . . . want to sign up?? <u>Contact</u>: Joel Kurtz joku@hotmail.com

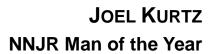
This is the one they'll be talking about Help make the memories . . . be there!

Block and Hexter in the Poconos 31 Barry Watson Way / Box 76, Route 370 Poyntelle, Pennslyvania 18454 http://www.bhvc.org



This year, the Northern New Jersey Region's Man of the Year is Dr. Joel Kurtz, from Toms River, NJ. Joel first got involved with FJMC and NNJR in 2004 when he decided to form a club at his synagogue in Toms River, Congregation B'nai Israel. He and a core group of men successfully started their club and he spent two years as their first club president. CBI Men's Club has been one of the more active and vibrant clubs in our region, having achieved the Quality Club award every year since its inception.

In addition to his involvement at the club level, Joel has also been very active in NNJR, as well as in FJMC. This is his sixth year as a member of the NNJR Board of Directors, and his fourth serving as one of its vice presidents. He has attended four international FJMC conventions, the last two of which he served as the chairman of ritual activities. He has attended several Leadership Development Institute and





Keruv retreats. For the past two years he was the editor of "News Doctor", an e-publication of the FJMC.

Congregation B'nai Israel also plays a central role in Joel's life. He attends services every Shabbat morning, often as gabbai, and leads the morning minyan services every Sunday and Tuesday. He has also been a member of the synagogue board of trustees for many years, and through his Men's Club involvement, has organized and participated in innumerable Men's Club and synagogue activities.

Joel's day job is that of a Gastroenterologist. His office is in Lakewood, NJ and he practices out of Kimball Medical Center in Lakewood and Community Medical Center in Toms River.

Joel grew up in Englewood Cliffs and North Bergen, New Jersey. He attended Lafayette College in Easton, PA, and medical school at Robert Wood Johnson in Piscataway, NJ.

His family includes his wife of 30 years, Debbie, his son Brian, daughter-in-law Jess, and son, Michael. His brother, Norm, from Buffalo Grove Illinois, is a recent past-president of FJMC, and his sister Judy lives in Teaneck, NJ.

When not practicing Gastroenterology and not doing Men's Club or synagogue business, Joel can usually be found jogging somewhere around Toms River as he prepares to run in his first half Marathon this November in Philadelphia.

## DAVE SOLOMON BETH EI SYNAGOGUE—East Windsor



Dave Solomon, his wife Amy and two daughters, Danielle and Carly, have been a members of Beth El Synagogue for over 10 years. Dave is an active member of the Beth El community.

For several years, Dave has been a dedicated member and volunteer for the Men's Club. You can usually find him at any of the Men's club activities such as putting up and taking down the Sukkah's, cooking at the Purim Carnival or the Lag B'Omer picnic.

One of the most significant and time consuming activities that Dave has chaired the past couple years is the Men's Club Wine Sale prior to Passover. This is an important role, since the wine sale has been the largest fundraising activity for the club.

Most people can tell you Dave will gladly say "yes" when asked to volunteer for something at Beth El. He can always be counted on for daily Minyanim as well. It's these qualities that led to Dave becoming Beth El Synagogue Men's Club Man of the Year.

# LAURA BORTNICK BETH EI SYNAGOGUE—East Windsor



Over the past year, Laura Bortnick has been an important contributor to the Beth EI and the Youth community. She participates in youth activities throughout the year and is Israel Awareness Executive Vice President on the board of our USY chapter and actively participated within the region.

She serves as a strong role model for our youth, as she is a regular at Shabbat services and is ready, willing and able to lead services. Laura has volunteered as a Hebrew school teacher for three years bringing three classes to their b'nai mitzvah year. She also is active in the Gesher LeKesher youth mentoring program and in the extended Jewish Community, participating in the JCYF philanthropic giving program - - an example of youth helping out and having fun.

Outside of the synagogue Laura participated in Batya, regularly studying Jewish philosophy with girls from Lakewood. She is Editor of the School newspaper and a member of National Honor Society.

Within the synagogue, this past year Laura created a (Werner Lecture Fund) presentation on the Youth in Israel, which demonstrates her commitment to the Israel, which she visited with her family this past summer. She is also committed to the local Jewish community and last Super Sunday, Laura led teen solicitations in dollar donations . . . making the Super Sunday co-chair, her mom, very proud and happy!

### **MIKE CHIAET**

#### CONGREGATION AGUDATH ISRAEL—Caldwell

At Congregation Agudath Israel of West Essex (Caldwell, NJ), congregants are encouraged to service the community with their hearts, heads and hands. Our CAI Man of the Year uses all three, but it's his hands that make things happen.

A Caldwell native and active member of Agudath Israel for almost 25 years, Mike Chiaet is the co-chair of the House and Grounds Committee, an active minyan participant, co-foreman for our Sukkah raising, and organizer of our Spirits Tastings events in the Sukkah. He also helps construct our High Holiday ark and bima as well as our stage sets for shul plays. Mike played a pivotal role as an Owner's Rep during our renovation in 2008-2010.

A graduate of Montclair State University, Mike is a former Marine

who served in several parts of the world, including Israel, and taught English in Japan. Currently, he is a Project Manager for GE Healthcare's Monitoring Group with a focus on wireless infrastructure installations. He is married to Miwako and is the father of five children: Gideon, Julianne, Leo, Mai and Lilian.

Says Mike, "Our Men's Club is a very important part of our shul, not only for the valuable work we do, but also as a means to get members of our shul to participate. With all the choices that Modern Americans have, and all the responsibilities that we have as husbands, fathers and heads of households, we need a place where we can talk, enjoy each other's company, and still be connected to Judaism. Our Club in Caldwell epitomizes that. It is a place we can meet and have fun."

Our club is honored to have Mike Chiaet as its Man of the Year.

### DR. MARK SILVERSTEIN CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL—Toms River

Born and raised in Jersey City, Mark graduated from St. Peter's College in 1973 with a B.S. Degree in Biology. He completed medical school at Catholic University in Rome, Italy(where he learned to cook) and did his residency and fellowship in Anesthesiology at Montefiore and Albert Einstein Medical Centers in After a successful New York. practice in Anesthesiology in Connecticut for seventeen years(including three major national and international awards for his work in Ophthalmic Anesthesia), Mark returned to New Jersey in 2001 with his wife Shirley and their two They moved to Toms River and joined sons, Jacob and Max. Congregation B'nai Israel shortly thereafter. Mark practices Anesthesiology at Community Medical Center in Toms River.

As members of the Congregation, the Silversteins were active in various aspects of Synagogue life from the beginning. Mark became involved in the Men's Club shortly after it began in B'nai Israel(due in large part to Dr. Joel Kurtz), first as more of a spectator, but then as an active and willing participant: "I wanted to become more involved with the Club. I felt





the best way for me was to offer my services in the best way that I knew—by cooking. I wanted to help create a greater sense of camaraderie and community, not only for the Men's Club, but the Congregation as a whole. The success of our Scotch and Steak Dinners, Pancake Breakfasts, Pasta Dinners and Barbecues speak to the validity of this approach. But one man does not accomplish this alone. The team of brothers that comes out to help prepare these events brings us all closer together and creates a great sense of satisfaction after a job well done. I cannot thank them enough."

# Adam Rosen

### **CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL—Toms River**



Adam Rosen is a senior at Toms River High School South where he serves as president of the National Honors Society, and a member of the Spanish Honors Society, Key Club, and the Math and Science Leagues. He also volunteers as a math tutor for the 6-8th graders at the local intermediate school. Adam attended the Solomon Schechter Academy of Ocean and Monmouth Counties from kindergarten through 8th grade, and attends Hebrew High School at Congregation B'nai Israel. Adam was an active member of Kadima, and has served on the USY chapter board as Membership/Kadima Vice President, Israel Awareness Vice President, and this year serves as president of the chapter. Toms River USY was last year's Hagalil chapter of the year and its members just returned home from a social action trip to New Orleans where they helped fulfill the mitzvah of tikun olam,

repairing the world. Adam feels that USY has been a very important part of his life helping him to become a better person and Jew. The USY experience has brought Adam lifelong friends locally, throughout the Hagalil region, and across the country through participation in USY summer programs and international conventions. Adam has participated in USY on Wheels East, USY on Wheels Classic, and traveled on the USY Eastern Europe Israel Pilgrimage this past summer. Adam looks forward to an exciting senior year both at school and in USY.

### ERNIE BUEHLER CONGREGATION B'NAI JESHURUN —Staten Island



Ernest Buehler was born in Nuremberg, Germany in 1933 and as a child witnessed the Kristallnacht destruction in 1938. His father was fortunate to have left Germany just six weeks prior to this terror and settled down in Detroit, Michigan. The rest of the family left Germany via Genoa, Italy in 1940 in one of the last boats before World War II broke out throughout Europe.

Ernie attended public schools and Yeshiva in Detroit. He received his BA degree from Wayne State University where he majored in the Humanities. Ernie spent two years in the US Army where he was stationed in Germany. Upon graduation from Wayne State, he relocated to New York City where he spent the next thirteen years employed as a stockbroker. Subsequently, Ernie left the brokerage business and returned to graduate school at St. John's University where he received his MBA in public accounting. Ernie was employed with the federal and city government for the next eighteen years until his retirement in 2000.

Ernie has been active as a member of Congregation B'nai Jeshurun in various capacities such as VP of Ritual, Assistant Gabbi and conducting early morning services. He is also a member of the Jewish War Veterans Post 80 of Staten Island.

Ernie's hobbies and pastimes include taking courses at the College of Staten Island, competing in the Senior Olympics, ushering in the theatre and attending court room trials as a spectator. He also goes to Jewish seminars and classes and also attends the theater and concerts.

### **CONGREGATION B'NAI TIKVAH — North Brunswick**

Steve, wife Andrea, and children Matthew and Melissa have been members of Congregation B'nai Tikvah for the past sixteen years. Steve currently serves as the President of the Men's Club and has served in that position for the past three years. Andrea has been an active board member of Sisterhood for many years as well.

Under Steve's leadership, the Men's Club has had a successful string of years enjoying many new and interesting programs. The Men's Club has and continues to be active among our congregation in sponsoring and supporting many events and organizations. On a monthly basis, the Men's Club holds its Sunday morning breakfast coinciding with a diverse program topic. The annual programs that Men's Club currently sponsors and supports include the building of the Sukkah, Break-fast collation at

supports include the building of the Sukkah, Break-fast collation at the conclusion of Yom Kippur, Rejoice Jewish Cultural festival, the World Wide Wrap, and the Yom Hashaoh Yellow Candle Program. We have also sponsored other groups and events within the Temple to promote well rounded programming such as: Men's softball team, trips to Baseball games and museums, a pancake breakfast to support our USY, sponsoring Holocaust educational programs and the creation and maintenance of a Holocaust remembrance garden as part of Matthew's 2005 Boy Scout Eagle project, sponsoring Melissa's 2011 Girl Scout Gold project called "Mitzvah Madness", and joint events with Sisterhood and our Religious School.

Steve graduated from Brooklyn College with a B.S. in Accounting. He has been employed working in the Investment Banking and Financial industry for over 25 years and is currently a Certified Anti-money Laundering Specialist "CAMS" as management involved in the sale of Risk, Fraud, and Compliance software and consulting services for a large International Corporation. For fun, Steve is an avid New York Jets fan and enjoys weekend cruising in his classic muscle car enjoying both with his family.

Steve is happily married for 26 years to wife, Andrea and has a son Matthew, 23, who recently earned his Masters degree in Public Policy and Finance, and a daughter Melissa, 18, who is a freshman and honors student in college. Steve is especially proud that both Matt and Missy are CBT Chai School graduates and have/will make Aliyah. The Katz family currently resides in Monmouth Junction located in South Brunswick Township.



**STEVE KATZ** 

### JAY GOLDRING CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL—Scotch Plains



Jay Goldring was president of the Men's Club at Congregation Beth Israel, Scotch Plains, from 2008-2010 where he successfully organized social activities like football and holiday parties and somewhat less successfully recruited members to join him in athletic activities like running and cycling. Prior to that, he led children's services at CBI for 8 years, has served on the Board of Trustees since 2007 and is currently a member of the Executive Board. Originally from the Chicago area, he moved to New Jersey in 1997 where he was a member of Neve Shalom in Metuchen before moving to Westfield. His wife Laurie, as co-chair of the Sisterhood Social Action Committee, organized a project where homeless individuals were housed every year at CBI for two weeks during the summer. His daughters Abigail and Hannah attend Westfield High

School and are accomplished gymnasts. Jay holds advanced degrees in biochemistry and public health and worked in research with the government and pharmaceutical and consumer products industries. He served as president of the New Jersey Public Health Association from 2004-2006. He gratefully accepts the 2011 Man of the Year Award in memory of Les Klein, who immediately preceded him as president and laid the groundwork for Men's Club's current success in attracting temple members of all ages.

# MICHAEL SABONY CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL—Scotch Plains



Michael Sabony is a senior at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School in Scotch Plains, NJ where he is a member of both the SPFHS Track & Field Team and the Frisbee Club. He has been very active in Kadima and USY on the chapter, regional, and international levels and is currently the Scotch Plains USY Chapter President and is serving his second consecutive year on the Hagalil USY Regional General Board.

Michael is looking forward to his college years, and hopes to staff Kadima and USY events in the future.

### WALLY COWAN CONGREGATION BETH SHOLOM—Teaneck

Wally Cowan was born in Hoboken, NJ on his mother's birthday in 1924. Ten years later, Wally's family moved to Union City, NJ where Wally attended Talmud Torah of North Hudson where he met Ruthie whom he married 13 years later. Bob Lowenstein, who is also here tonight, was also in the Talmud Torah class.

Ruth and Wally have three children, 10 grandchildren and recently one great grandchild.

Wally, when 18, enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Force becoming a First Pilot on a B-17 Flying Fortress and, with his crew, completed 35 missions over Europe (mostly over Germany). One mission was bombing Limburg, the home town of Lee Liebmann, my close friend and member of Beth Sholom.



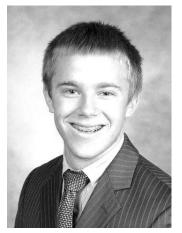
After World War II, Wally returned to NYU graduating magna cum laude from the Stern School of Business and then went to Harvard Law School, graduating cum laude. Wally then joined Stroock & Stroock & Lavan in Manhattan, retiring as a senior partner after 44 years. One of the clients of S&S&L was the Jewish Theological Seminary of which Alan M. Stroock, the senior partner, was for many years Chairman of the Board of JTS. Wally attended the closing at S&S&L when JTS purchased, what is now, Camp Ramah in Palmer, Mass.

Wally joined Congregation Beth Sholom more than 50 years ago. He served as its President and is a Life Trustee and member of the Executive Committee. He is a "regular" at Shul. Wally was a member of the Men's Club from its inception and participates in its activities and financial support.

The Kohanim at Beth Sholom Duchen at appropriate services. Because of Wally's age some of the Kohanim refer to him as the "Kohan Gadol". He has also been very active on environmental issues, having been a leader in many local and county environmental groups. He recently was the primary force behind saving from being cut down a 250+ year old Red Oak Tree designated by New Jersey as the fourth largest Red Oak in the State. His interests also include travelling, hiking and bird watching, having visited all six continents to pursue these interests.

#### AYAL GOLDBERG CONGREGATION BETH SHOLOM—Teaneck

Ayal Goldberg, 17, is a senior at The Frisch School in Paramus, NJ, where is on the varsity baseball team. He has been a "regular" at Congregation Beth Sholom since his family moved to Teaneck in 2002. He's been very involved in United Synagogue for the past few years, and he is now the chapter President. In addition, he's been a counselor at the JCC on the Palisades for the last 3 summers.



### HAROLD GELLER CONGREGATION NEVE SHALOM—Metuchen



Neve Shalom's Man of the Year is immediate past co-president Harold S. Geller. Harold has been active in men's clubs in Colonia, Scotch Plains, and Metuchen for the past 15 years, and before that was an active member of his synagogue board in Richmond Hill, Canada, as Ritual and Youth chair, and before that was a Chapter president, and regional board member, in the Eastern Canadian Region of USY (ECRUSY).

Harold dedicates time to supporting contemporary Jewish music, and currently serves on the advisory board of Soundswrite music, a recording label and distribution company for Jewish artists, including Craig Taubman, Rick Recht, Debbie Friedman Z"L, Josh Nelson, and Sam Glaser.

Harold was among those that lead the effort to design a new sukkah for Neve Shalom, and during his term as co-president, the club introduced "Scotch and Steak in the sukkah" and "touchdowns and torah" programs, which have become the cornerstones of the club's programming year; both years, the club was awarded the quality club award.

In his day job, Harold is Managing director of Ad-ID LLC, the UPC code and descriptive information source for Advertising, and has been associated with the advertising industry for nearly 30 years. He is a graduate of Toronto's Seneca College of Applied Arts and Technology's Radio and TV broadcasting program.

Harold is the son of Holocaust survivors Aaron and Anna Geller (Z"L) and has been married for nearly 29 years to Robbie, and has two children, Melanie and David.

### JOSH ULL

#### **CONGREGATION NEVE SHALOM**—Metuchen



Joshua UII is a senior at John P. Stevens High School in Edison. His involvement in the synagogue community began at a young age. He attended the Neve Shalom Nursery School, Hebrew School, Hebrew High School, and is currently enrolled in the monthly Midrasha Class for Juniors and Seniors. Joshua is frequently seen working in the Hebrew school as a madrich and attending services with his family.

Furthermore, Joshua is extremely involved in Kadima / USY. After finishing three active years in Kadima he served on the Metuchen Chapter Board as Freshman Representative, Membership / Programming Vice President, and Chapter President. He also plays basketball for the Metuchen USY team! For two years he

served on the Regional General Board as part of the Membership / Kadima Committee and is currently the Hagalil Regional President. In addition, he spent the summer of 2009 on USY on Wheels Classic. During the summer of 2010 he spent six weeks volunteering with the American Jewish Society for Service in Kansas City, Kansas. This past summer he went on USY's Eastern Europe Israel Pilgrimage.

Lastly, Joshua is part of the student council, a member of the National Honors Society, Spanish National Honors Society, and played Volleyball for two years. Josh loves Hebrew and Israeli music, hanging out with friends, and volunteering. He has truly found his home in the Jewish community.

STEVE HARKAVY

#### EAST BRUNSWICK JEWISH CENTER—East Brunswick

I am Steven Jeffrey Harkavy & I am the East Brunswick Jewish Center Man of the Year for 2011.

I have been married to Jodi Binn Harkavy for 26 years. Jodi is a substitute teacher in the East Brunswick School District. We have 3 children. Melissa 21, a graduate in Climatology/Geography - specializing in African Studies, from Penn State. Brian is almost 18 years of age, a senior at East Brunswick High School. He Plans on attending West Chester College for Teaching & Music. Stephanie 16 years of age is a sophomore at East Brunswick High School. Stephanie want to be either a kindergarten teacher or a physical therapist.

I have been a member of the East Brunswick Jewish Center since 1990 & have been active in the Men's club before I joined the synagogue in 1987. I have been of the executive board of the EBJC men's club since 1991.



have held most positions on the men's club board however, I spent most of the time as the Membership Vice President of the Men's club. Other duties included being the Executive Vice-President, Vice president of programing, financials, ways & means & Long term Planing. I have also served for 5 years on the Board of Education for the EBJC Men's club. In this calendar year, I serve on the EBJC synagogue Board as the Director of Security. I also serve as the Past President of the East Brunswick Jewish Center Men's Club.

In 2009, I was named the President of the East Brunswick Jewish Center Men's Club. Some of the achievements accomplished during my term with the best board a president can have included, creating a flag football league & putting together 5 softball teams to get younger members involved in the men's club. We were able to bring in the congressional candidates of the 12th district to our synagogue so they can present their issues to our community. We brought the Council candidates twice to our synagogue. We had numerous health seminars regarding general, mental & financial health. We created an unsung hero breakfast that we hope will be a yearly event. We brought in former, college & pro players & a current NBA coach to teach our youth the fundamentals of basketball. Most importantly we found a way to bring the arms of the synagogue together so all the arms can work together with all organizations of the synagogue.

As for regional activities, I serve as a co-commissioner of the Greater Middlesex Jewish federation Softball league. We have 24 synagogue teams in our league. I have also served with the East Brunswick Marching Band Booster Assoc. for the past 9 years running Rutgers events.

For the past 17 years, I have been a Senior Trial Attorney For the law offices of Edward Garfinkel & Chartis Insurance Co./AIU Holdings. I am the Kings County Liaison for the law firm. I am also a Trustee for the Brooklyn Bar Association. For the past 2 years I have chaired the Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee. For the 10 years I still am Vice-chair of the Tort Law Section. I also serve on the Judicial committee, Grievance committee, Supreme Court Committee, & the Dinner Committee.

I am also the former President of the Kings County Defenders Bar.

I am proud to the 2011 East Brunswick Jewish Center Man of the year. I thank President Julis & the rest of the Men's Club board on bestowing this honor on me. Thank you.

# STUART ALPER FAIR LAWN JEWISH CENTER/B'NAI ISRAEL—Fair Lawn



In the Summer of 2005, Stuart Alper was 'muscled' into joining the Men's Progress Club of the Fair Lawn Jewish Center / Congregation B'nai Israel & becoming a board member by his long time friend and then Club President Evan Marcus. Later that Fall his father unexpectedly passed away. His new 'brotherhood' came in force to comfort him and his family and help see him through that difficult period. Stuart saw, during that short time, the value and meaning of the club and what it represents, and the shidduach was cemented.

Stuart just completed his two year term as the 53rd president of the club. He is immensely proud of what the club was able to accomplish during the two years that he presided over the Executive Board. Amongst these accomplishments were a 10%

increase in club membership and donating over \$22,000 to both fundraisers within the Jewish Center and to organizations such as the JNF and North American Conference on Ethiopian Jewry. Over the past two years, the club successfully ran 44 events and programs, varying from mitzvah projects, programs aimed at our youth, activities to support the shul, Holocaust remembrance and education, and brought home the only Torch Award for the NNJR at the last convention.

Stuart has been married to his lovely, incredibly supportive and understanding wife Sima for 15 years. Besides their newly renovated house, their greatest achievement together are their two children, Miranda, who read from the FJMC Sefer Haftarah on the occasion of her Bat Mitzvah, and Adam.

### DR. MARC WEINSTEIN HIGHLAND PARK CONSERVATIVE TEMPLE / CONGREGATION ANSHE EMETH—Highland Park



Marc Weinstein spent the first third of his life south of the Mason-Dixon Line in Maryland, Tennessee and Florida. After graduating from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri with degrees in Mechanical Engineering and Philosophy, Marc moved to the Boston area for his first job and where he met his wife, Stephanie Dickstein. They moved to New Jersey so Stephanie could become one of the first women ordained by JTS. In New Jersey they added three wonderful children, Ilana, Asher and Leah (L.E.). During stays in Hoboken and Verona, Marc completed his doctorate in Mechanical Engineering and accepted a position with Lucent Technologies that eventually became Alcatel-Lucent.

The job at Lucent Technologies brought the Family to Highland

Park where they have been for the past 14 years. Marc is an active member at the HPCT-CAE and has served on various committees at the synagogue. He was a member of the board of trustees for eight years and served on the youth commission, membership and nomination committees.

Marc joined the Men's club when they moved to Highland Park and became active a few years later. Marc served as executive vice-president for two years before assuming the presidency. During his tenure as president, Marc introduced a Chili Cook-Off Contest, Wine tasting and started the planning of our first Scotch and Steak in the Succah. Marc coordinated the Paid up Dinner, served as the club's chair of the MoY dinner and the World Wide Wrap. Last year, Marc led the club in receiving its first Quality Club Award. His greatest accomplishment is getting younger men involved with the club.

Marc enjoys spending time with his ever growing family. His wife Stephanie is a Rabbi at the Jewish Board of Family and Children services in NYC. His eldest daughter, Ilana, is in graduate school studying Educational Psychology. She is married to Elie Bercuson who is attending RIETS at Yeshiva University. Asher graduated from Drexel University and is working for Cityside Archives. He is engaged to Dara Grzesh who is at Rutgers University and is looking forward to a career in Physical Therapy. Asher is following in his father's footsteps where he is the youngest member on the Men's Club board. Marc's youngest daughter, L.E., is a senior at Highland Park High school and enjoys filling our walls with her artwork. She is currently president of the synagogue's USY chapter and is looks forward to pursuing a career in Industrial Design.

EMMA MAEL HIGHLAND PARK CONSERVATIVE TEMPLE / CONGREGATION ANSHE EMETH—Highland Park

Emma Mael is a junior at the Yeshivah of Flatbush Joel Braverman High School in Brooklyn, NY. She graduated as valedictorian from the Rabbi Pesach Raymon Yeshiva in Edison.

Emma has been a Shabbat youth group leader at the Highland Park Conservative Temple-Congregation Anshe Emeth in Highland Park, New Jersey for the past few years. For her Bat Mitzvah project Emma, together with her good friend Sara Rosen, created and sold the cookbook, Cooking for a Cause, raising approximately \$3,000 for the Temple's Livnot Campaign to rebuild after the fire in 2006.

Two years ago Emma and Sara created a new Shavuot Learning Overnight Program for kids at the Temple and it has become an annual event.



Emma is active in YACHAD, an international program for disabled Jewish youth and spent 6 weeks this past summer on Yad b'Yad, a program through YACHAD that takes non-disabled and disabled teens and young adults traveling through Israel together as friends, "hand-in-hand", Yad b'Yad.

In addition to her studies Emma is a certified lifeguard and baby-sits when she has time. She lives in Highland Park with her parents, Barry, Chief Resource Development and Marketing Officer for United Synagogue, and Diane Mael, Director of Adult Services at the JCC of Middlesex County.

# STEVE SOLOMON OHEV SHALOM/MARLBORO JEWISH CENTER—Marlboro



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Steve was born in Brooklyn, New York and lived in Babylon, Long Island before moving to Central New Jersey at the age of one. Steve is a product of the Piscataway public school system. He was Bar Mitzavahed at Congregation Knesseth Israel in Bound Brook and attended Albright College in Reading PA, where he earned a BS in Computer Science and Math. Additionally, he holds a Masters in Computer Science from Columbia University. Steve started working for AT&T as a summer intern in Reading, PA and today is a Technical Team Lead, Software Architect and Application Developer at AT&T's office in Middletown, NJ.

Steve, and his wife Brenda, have three sons - Terence, 17, Garrett, 15, and Jordan 11. They have been members of Marlboro Jewish

Center for 10 years and have lived in Freehold Township for 19 years. Steve enjoys skiing, bicycling and watching The Mets and other sporting events with his sons. Steve is also a candidate for Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do, which he will wear to the MOY Dinner if he passes the test.

At Marlboro Jewish Center, Steve served as President or Co-President of the Men's Club since 2008. Under Steve's Presidency, the Men's Club vastly improved communication with its members as well as with the Congregation regarding all aspects of Men's Club programs and events. Steve developed a new calendar flyer for its members and increased the frequency of email communication. Under his leadership, new initiatives, including wine tasting events and yearly health and fitness oriented topics from qualified speakers were introduced. During each of the last three years, Steve served as Co-Captain of "Team MJC," which participated in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. One of the highlights of his term as Men's Club President was attending the FJMC Convention in Philadelphia in 2009 with his son Terence.

### EVAN J. FOX OHEV SHALOM/MARLBORO JEWISH CENTER—Marlboro



Evan is proud and humbled to be named as Marlboro Jewish Center / Ohev Shalom's "Youth of the Year." He is a junior at Marlboro High School.

Evan has been part of Marlboro Jewish Center since pre-school. As a graduate of MJC's Hebrew High, he was the recipient of an award based on his enthusiastic involvement and participation in the program. He is currently attending MJC's High Hebrew High.

Evan has developed many attachments to MJC. For the past two years, he has worked in MJC's Youth department, which includes Kadima, Pre-Kadima and Katan; Kids Clubs geared to grades 1-8.

MJC's award winning USY. Last year he served as Religious Education VP for the chapter.

This year he serves on the Regional General Board for Religious Education for USY Hagalil region. He is also chairing this year's Hagalil / Hanegev Pre-Convention for the International Convention in December. He was the Abraham Joshua Heschel Honor Society Co-Chair for 2011 USY Encampment and USY's LTI (Leadership Training Institute) for 2011.

Evan has participated in three USY summer programs, including Wheels East in 2009 and Classic Wheels in 2010. In the summer of 2011, he participated in USY's Eastern Europe / Israel Pilgrimage. All of these trips gave Evan the opportunity to see the U.S., Germany, Poland, Czech Republic and Israel along with other Jewish teens. These experiences proved to be life changing for Evan, further enhancing his love for Judaism.

Realizing a need for himself and other teens to fulfill community service requirements he was influential in establishing "Team Madrachim," a teen leadership program in which high school students can tutor Hebrew school age children at MJC.

In High School, Evan participates in all aspects of band, including Marching Band, Concert Band and Jazz Band, playing a variety of different instruments.

Evan's college goals include majoring in International Business and Finance with a focus on European studies and language.

### ALAN ROTHBERG PINE BROOK JEWISH CENTER—Montville

Alan Rothberg, our 2011 Man of the Year, has served in many roles here at Pine Brook Jewish Center. Soon after he and his wife Nan joined PBJC, a friend invited him to attend a Men's Club breakfast. That first encounter has been life changing. A few years later he was the Men's Club President. It was during that time that he first introduced the "Yellow Candle" Yom HaShoah program to the congregation. As President he also had an automatic position on the PBJC Board of Trustees, our Chevra.

Alan became even more involved in the life of PBJC, serving on various committees. He then stepped forward to serve a second two year run as President of the Men's Club, running breakfasts, selling 50/50's, putting up the Sukkah, running a dinner dance, and everything else that comes with the presidency.



He will tell you the fun never stopped and a few years later he was elected President of the Congregation. These were the days of supporting families that came to us from the former USSR. We sponsored seven (7) families and did what was required from running to JFK, schlepping furniture, to looking for jobs for our new friends and being there to help whenever needed. He also began discussions of merging Lake Hiawatha Jewish Center (1946-1996) with PBJC.

Over the years he has served on many committees: finance, ritual, fundraising, membership, social action, cemetery, and house.

Special projects have been many; our Centennial yearlong celebration in 1996; a major expansion to our building in 2000; a 25th Anniversary celebration for Rabbi Krief; a Goods & Services Auction and most recently our Project Simcha where we are dedicating a new Torah.

After two years as PBJC president, instead of retiring, Alan became the House and Grounds

Chair, a position in which he served for 16 years. It was a position which continually grew to include all building maintenance, construction of a new coat room and reconfiguring the library. Under the umbrella of House he became our B'nai Mitzvot coordinator. He assumed all but the ritual aspect of a B'nai Mitzvot, from seating to Kiddush to billing and special requests, assuring that all went smoothly. He also became our route coordinator for the yellow candle distribution and Mishloach Manot baskets.

Then from 2009-2011 "I was honored" to again serve this wonderful congregation as President and "to work with so many dedicated members of PBJC to continue moving us forward."

Alan reports that none of this would have been possible without the support of Nan and daughters Robyn & Jennifer. Over these years they have added two great guys, sons-in-law, Paul & Jay. They have also added two little guys, grandsons Mason & Benjamin, plus another one due at about the time of this dinner.

Alan states "I am honored to be the PBJC Men's Club 2011 Man-of-the-Year."

### GABE WEISS

### PINE BROOK JEWISH CENTER—Montville



Our Youth of the Year, Gabriel Weiss, known to his friends as Gabe, is a quiet, reserved young man who can be seen walking nonchalantly into Hebrew school on Sundays. Two years ago, after graduating from Hebrew high school, he was reluctant to join the ranks of his friends in the Madrichim volunteer program teaching Hebrew because he felt his Hebrew was not proficient enough to teach. However, Religious school director, Mary Sheydwasser was determined to find a role for Gabe. Knowing music was a key aspect of Gabe's life, Mrs. Sheydwasser suggested Gabe create a music program. Gabe established and now teaches music and prayers on Sunday mornings to gan and pre-alef students, culminating in a musical Shabbat service in the spring. Gabe can be seen proudly

leading the very children he taught during the school year. In addition to teaching, musicallytalented Gabe has been reading the same parsha at the High Holiday service on the first day of Rosh Hashanah, and amazes the congregation every year by sounding the shofar since he became a Bar Mitzvah in the main and family services. Gabriel continued to astound the congregation this year by volunteering to learn and daven the Kol Nidre prayer for the family service. He is seen every year during Purim cooking at the barbeque and during High Holy Day set up. His smiling face is a member of United Synagogue Youth, he is on the USY board as the Religious School Liaison, and he is the official USY bonfire-maker. Gabe finds time for all this in addition to his crowded schedule of school work and hobbies such as scuba, spending time with friends, and an acapella singing group. When a young boy asked if Gabe will always blow shofar, his mom replied, "Well, I don't know if he will always blow shofar at Pine Brook Jewish Center, but I hope he will continue to blow Shofar somewhere."

### BARRY BLECHERMAN SHOMREI TORAH—Wayne

Barry recently took some time off from the Board of Trustees of Shomrei Torah where he had served as a trustee, as chair of the finance committee, and as VP finance in order to become the development chairman and executive vice president of the Gerrard Berman Day School, Solomon Schechter of North Jersey. Barry has been involved in organizing and running all of the Shomrei Torah Men's Club's Texas Hold 'Em poker nights, each of which has generated hundreds of dollars for tzedukah as well as being a lot of fun. He even won one of the tournaments. At the Berman school he has the distinct pleasure of helping his children get a superior education in a large variety of ways, from working to develop community events, to leading a successful effort to get



Middle States accreditation for the school, to shopping regularly for the school's kitchen at the restaurant wholesale supply store.

Barry has a doctorate in applied economics and is currently an Industry Professor of Financial Engineering at NYU-Polytechnic. When not at work, shul, or Gerrard Berman he enjoys sports, poker, bicycling, saki, and driving his kids all over northern New Jersey to their after-school activities. Barry is lucky beyond what he deserves to be married to Sarah, a pediatrician. Though he has lived in northern New Jersey for 15 years he is in his heart a Philadelphian, and is a die-hard Phillies fan --- we'll be back in 2012!

### **BRIAN LEVINE**

### **TEMPLE BETH EL—Somerset**

Brian D. Levine, a TBE Men's Club member and congregant, is currently serving his seventh year as the Mayor of Franklin Township in Somerset County, New Jersey. He has served two terms as mayor and prior to that was a town councilman for two terms. The town council used to appoint mayors but Brian is the first mayor elected by the people of our township. On behalf of Men's Club he has done annual presentations informing the congregation as to what's going on in our community.

Accomplishments during his tenure as mayor and councilman include the following:

- Reduction of the town budget by nearly 12% in the past two years
- ✓ Initiating legislation which enabled Franklin to become one of the first communities with a Pay to Play ordinance.
- ✓ Supporting Franklin's land preservation efforts: Over 1/3 of the municipality in excess of 15 square miles – is permanently preserved for open space, recreation, and farming.
- ✓ 2009 selection by the New Jersey Regional Coalition as Mayor of the Year, mostly for his work on fair housing issues in NJ.
- ✓ During Brian's fifth year as mayor, Franklin was honored by being named by CNN &



Money Magazine as the 5th best municipality in which to live in the United States. This year, Franklin Township was honored to be on the list again, keeping its status as the highest ranking town in New Jersey.

✓ Only mayor appointed by Gov Christie for the Red Tape Commission

Brian has a degree in Economics from Rutgers, with a minor in mathematics/computers. He also has an MBA from Rutgers Graduate School of Business and he is a practicing CPA in his hometown.

Brian is married to Lori and has two daughters: Ariella, age 14, and Shira, age 8.

# MICHAEL ROTH TEMPLE BETH O'R/BETH TORAH—Clark

Michael Roth, son of Morris Roth, grew up in Clark, NJ and at Temple Beth O'R. Morris Roth is a past NNJR president. He graduated from Rutgers University with a BA in Business Administration and a Minor in Computer Science. He has worked for PNY Technologies, a manufacturer of Personal Computer parts, as a Senior Technician for 16 years.

Michael is a member of Temple Beth O'R/Beth Torah and of the Men's Club. He is married to Jane for 12 years and has a daughter Julia age 11. They live in Springfield, NJ.

Foe several years Michael has taken upon himself the beatification of the Temple grounds. He clears brush, tree limbs, pants flowers and shrubs. Frequently recruiting helpers and paying for supplies. The Men's Club and Temple appreciate his dedication and hard work.

### DANIEL BROTMAN

### TEMPLE BETH O'R/BETH TORAH—Clark



The congregants of Temple Beth O'r Beth Torah have watched first hand as Daniel Brotman has grown from a toddler to a very tall young man right before our eyes these past eighteen years. Daniel has been very active in Kadima and USY. He has served as the Membership/Programming V.P. and is currently serving in his second year as USY President of the Clark chapter. Daniel takes his responsibilities as a leader very seriously and is extremely dedicated to ensuring that CLUSY members stay connected to each other. He is very excited to report that CLUSY will be hosting the Hagalil Region Prom at TBOBT this upcoming March. After experiencing what it means to be a Jew all over the U.S. by participating in USY on Wheels this past summer; he has chosen to learn more about his Jewish identity, by once again becoming active in TBOBT's Hebrew High school.

Daniel is an honor student at Westfield High School and a member of the National Honor Society; an organization devoted to academic integrity and community service. For three consecutive years he will have participated in Science Olympiad, a national high school science competition in which his team was lucky enough to make it to the state level of events. For two years he competed in Academic Challenge, a team based trivia competition in which they garnered a trophy against some of the best schools in the state. This will be his third year on the Westfield Crew team, rowing their way to victory against schools across the country.

### JOSH RABINOWITZ CONGREGATION BETH OHR—Old Bridge

Josh Rabinowitz is a remarkable young man who has been a member of Congregation Beth Ohr from birth, through Hebrew School, Kadima and USY, and as a Young Adult. When Josh was in first grade he made a pushka in Hebrew School, which he gave to the Men's Club. Every Sunday for the past seventeen years, this pushka has circulated at the Mens Club breakfast. Josh has worked with the Cooking Committee for the annual Spaghetti Dinners, Cinco De Mayo Dinners and Barbeques. He has also worked with the Sukkah Committee in erecting the Sukkah. During the past several years Josh has donated his time to upgrade and replace all synagogue computers. Last year he redesigned and digitized the High Holiday seating chart.



Josh celebrated his Bar Mitzvah at the Synagogue on September

1, 2001. After his Bar Mitzvah, he tutored students in the Hebrew School who needed extra assistance. Every year he reads Torah on the first day of Rosh Hoshanah and has recited his Bar Mitzvah Haftorah many times since the special occasion.

Josh graduated from Old Bridge High School in June 2006, where he was actively involved in computer technology and Future Business Leaders of America. During his time in FBLA, Josh was a state officer and at the local level started an FBLA Career Night which is currently celebrating its 9th year. As a student at OBHS, Josh was part of an experimental internship program in the technology department, which he turned into a summer job and a part time job during college breaks. Josh is currently employed full time by the Old Bridge Township Board of Education in the technology department as a PC\Network Technician.

Josh attended the University of Connecticut for two years. While at Connecticut, he participated in the Birthright Program and spent a wonderful twelve days touring Israel. Upon returning home from Israel, he gave an hour program sharing his experiences and pictures at a Men's Club breakfast. During his time at Connecticut, Josh was a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity, holding numerous board positions and earned an Unsung Hero Award. Josh graduated from DeVry University in February 2010 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Technical Management with a concentration in Network Communications Management.

Josh is an avid sports fan and follows the New York Jets, New York Mets, New Jersey Nets and the UConn Huskies. Josh is interested in all types of technology and willingly shares his knowledge with Men's Club members.

Josh is the son of Harriet and Philip Rabinowitz of Old Bridge, New Jersey. His brother Mark is married to Kara and they reside in Bethesda, Maryland. Josh thanks Men's Club for this honor and his family for supporting him.

## IRA SESSLER TEMPLE BETH SHALOM—Livingston



Ira is a partner in the law firm of Sessler & Sessler LLP as well as the president and owner of American Business & Management Consultants Inc., a business consulting firm. Both firms are located in New York City.

Ira and his wife Cheryl came to Livingston, NJ in 1999 and shortly thereafter found Temple Beth Shalom in 2002. After experiencing just some of which Temple Beth Shalom had to offer, they evidenced their commitment to this institution by becoming life members that same year. Ira became involved with Men's Club in October 2003 when he helped put up his first Sukkah. Since then he has served as a Men's Club Trustee, VP of Fundraising, VP of Membership and now has recently completed two years as Club President. Today Ira

serves as a Trustee on the Temple Beth Shalom board.

As a deeply loyal and committed person to all things Men's Club, I hope my term as President will be remembered as one of growth, tangible accomplishments and planning for the future. During the past two years Men's Club worked tirelessly to bolster the membership rolls, while all the time focusing on the current and future expansion of family programming and young leadership development.

We were all over the Shul during the past two years. From top to bottom the Club cleaned out the basement, and after an amazing community yard sale we purchased and installed for our Shul a new HD Audio/Visual Theatre. We sponsored many social, educational and cultural programs that were accessible to both our Temple members and the greater Livingston community and we continued the Club's annual tradition to honor one of our Men's Club Founders with an extravagant Founder's Day Brunch.

This has been a profoundly rewarding experience, one which has affected me now and will continue to do so for many years. The role of President can be the hardest and the easiest club position. For me it was both, made ever so easy by the many deeply committed men who served with me on this past term's Men's Club board. I am in their debt for the excellent job they all did and I am grateful for the friendships, which were forged and strengthened during our time of service.

There is no place in Men's Club for egos or the want of power or personal gain. Five months ago I was club president, now I gladly stand shoulder to shoulder with other club members, ready serve our new club president and our board in any way I can. I am as excited today as I was when I was installed nearly thirty months ago, knowing full well that the club is growing and improving under the watchful eye of our new president Jeffrey Greif, a man I am pleased to call friend.

I extend my personal thanks to all who, during the past term, helped this club reach new heights in programming, community service, member recruitment and fundraising. Our work is important, appreciate by many and the legacy we leave is a healthy club ready to serve our Shul and our community.

I once read "at the end of our days we get back all of the time we've spent volunteering in the service of others." If so, then I recommend a daily regimen of Men's Club service for a long and rewarding life.

#### **BURT MANDELL**

#### TEMPLE BETH-EL / MEKOR CHAYIM—Cranford

Burt grew up in Elizabeth and he graduated from Jefferson High School. He studied at Newark Rutgers and graduated in 1953.

Burt married his wife, Doris, in 1953 and they moved to Cranford in 1957. They have been temple members for over fifty years. Both have been active in the Temple for all of this time.

Burt was a USY advisor and then chaired the Youth Commission. He was on the Board of Trustees for nine years. He was Vice President for two years.

He's been active in the Men's Club since he joined the Temple. He has been Program chairman, he's helped with the Succah, organizing dinners, etc. Doris and Burt have three married children, Steven and Laura, David and Lois and Phyllis and Lance.

They have eight grandchildren, Erica, Jeffrey, Scott, Jessica, Lauren, Allison, Douglas and Matthew.

Burt's career was in Education. He was a teacher, Counselor, Assistant Principal and Principal for the last twenty one years of his career. During the last ten years before he retired, he worked for a Uniform Shirt Manufacturer.

Burt is honored to be the Man of the Year for Temple Beth El-Mekor Chayim in Cranford.

It is truly an honor to be named Temple Israel's Brandeis Men's Club Man of the Year (MOY). To be associated with those who have previously received this award is indeed humbling. Their accomplishments and service engender inspiration among the members of our Temple Israel family, and I am grateful for their continued leadership. Temple Israel's MOY award commemorates the blessed memory of Harry Grant who was a true mensch in every sense of the word. Harry's great love of family, Torah and synagogue along with his warmth and affection for everyone he encountered is legendary. Receiving an award in his name is particularly pleasing.

In recent years I have served on several committees and have chaired both Ritual and House. I continue to be active in both

areas – routinely serving as Gabbai and, I am proud to say, as the de facto maintenance man for our shul. It is a little-known but well worn tradition that any Jew who actually owns tools and knows how to use them will assume this esteemed role of Handy Man. With much help and support from Men's Club and synagogue members, we have renovated our Rabbi's home, constructed a rainwater collection and irrigation system and are now fixing the damage caused by Hurricane Irene.

Originally from Queens, NY, I moved to Ridgewood and joined Temple Israel 21 years ago. Clearly, this is home. Rita, my wife of 35 years, and I have three wonderful children. Michael



## BOB OBEITER TEMPLE ISRAEL—Ridgewood



lives in Washington DC and works for the US Senate as a Senior Budget Analyst. Josh lives in Boston and is an admissions officer at Northeastern University. Sara is a sophomore at Ursinus College in Collegeville, PA and looks forward to becoming a veterinarian. As a family, we have been blessed with a full life here in Ridgewood and at Temple Israel.

As my vocation, I am Executive Vice President of an economic and management consulting focusing on the energy industry. When not slogging it out in the trenches, I enjoy reading, cooking, skiing and golf, the last two which can involve quite a bit of slogging as well.

### ALAN RUBIN TEMPLE SHOLOM—Bridgewater



Alan Rubin was born in Brooklyn, NY, grew up on Long Island, lived his early married life in the New York area and moved to New Jersey in 1976. He was married to the late Barbara Rubin for 34 years and has two children - Amy Rubin Berkowitz (who got married in Jerusalem) who lives in Baltimore MD but will be moving to Israel in the near future and Daniel Rubin who lives in Hoboken and works for AT&T.

Alan earned his BS degree from Cornell University in Operations Research & Industrial Engineering and his MBA from NYU in Marketing/Managerial Accounting. Now retired, he spent most of his career in Government Relations for the Newark Housing Authority. He also worked for the New York Stock Exchange as a Financial Stanloy as a Financial Advisor

Analyst and for Morgan Stanley as a Financial Advisor.

Alan volunteers extensively in the community. He serves with the State's SHIP program which advises people on their Medicare options and helps them to resolve any medical billing problems. He also prepares tax returns as a volunteer with the AARP Tax Care for the Elderly Program.

Service to the Jewish Community has been a long tradition in Alan's family. His father was president of two temples on Long Island and his brother was president of his Temple in Durham, NC. Alan has long been active in the Temple Sholom Men's Club, serving as Treasurer. He volunteers and participates in many Temple activities and his grill work is legendary at the Temple's 4H Fair booth. Alan has also been a long-time volunteer for the Jewish Federation of Somerset Hunterdon and Warren Counties.

Alan's hobbies include photography, custom framing, and travel. He has travelled to Israel five times and looks forward to many future trips.

#### JASON GINSBERG TEMPLE SHOLOM—Bridgewater

Jason Ginsberg is a senior at Bridgewater Raritan High School (BRHS). He continues his education each week at Hebrew High School at Temple Sholom where he will receive his Ben Torah this coming June.

His deep connection to Judaism has been fostered by attending the NJY camps for the past eight years. He spent one summer with the Koby Mandel program in Israel; volunteering with children in crisis and Ethiopian immigrants.

Jason was chosen as the sophomore representative from BRHS for the annual Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership program in New Jersey. He continues to show his dedication to this and other programs by volunteering both in and out of school. In the past year, he

completed one hundred service hours, being recognized by the President of the United States.

Jason has been volunteering for the Ronald McDonald House in New Brunswick, NJ for the past 8 years. He has raised thousands of dollars for the house by hosting an annual Labor Day car wash as well as through the collection of 'soda tabs'. He has also made home cooked meals for the families staying at the house.

Over the past ten years, Jason has helped to lead a monthly Shabbat Service at an assisted living center. He has spent hours volunteering at Temple Sholom; helping out in the office, religious school, as youth shofar blower and of course, selling hot dogs at the 4H fair. Jason is a past president of Kadima, and held the role of freshman representative in his first year of USY. He has been the Vice President of Communications in USY for the past 4 years, winning several awards for his chapter.

Jason was elected by his peers and is the current President of the BRHS chapter of the National Honor Society. He recently started the Israel Aware Club at BRHS.

He has been involved in the music program at the high school for the past 4 years where he is a section leader and helps to guide others reach their potential. He is the principal trombonist for the Wind ensemble, Jazz band, Pit Orchestra, and Orchestra Winds. He plays Baritone in the Marching band. His talents have made him a member of the Central NJ Regional and NJ All State Bands. He also is a member of the Somerset County Community Orchestra.

Jason plans to attend college after High School where he will continue to be involved in music and volunteerism.





# NNJR Regional Man of the Year Joel Kurtz

The Executive Board of the Northern New Jersey Region of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs is proud to recognize Joel Kurtz as our 2011 Man of the Year. **Yasher Koach!** 

The board is also pleased to recognize and congratulate all of this year's Man of the Year and Youth of the Year Award recipients. Yasher Koach to all

# **Joel Kurtz** Mazel Tov

on being honored as the

**NNJR Man of the Year** 

We are very proud of you!!!!

Love,

Debbie, Jess, Brian, and Michael

### Mazel Tov to

## Joel Kurtz

NNJR Regional Man of the Year

"Find yourself a teacher, acquire for yourself a friend." – Pirke Avot

Jeff Schulman



#### JOEL

#### CONGRATULATIONS AND MAZEL TOV

#### THE RECOGNITION YOU ARE RECEIVING FROM NNJ-FJMC IS WELL DESERVED. YOU CONTINUE TO MAKE US PROUD WITH ALL THAT YOU DO FOR YOUR MEN'S CLUB, THE NNJ REGION AND FJMC.

#### YOU ARE A REAL MENTSCH.

#### Norm and Joan Kurtz and all your Chicago family



Yasher Koach

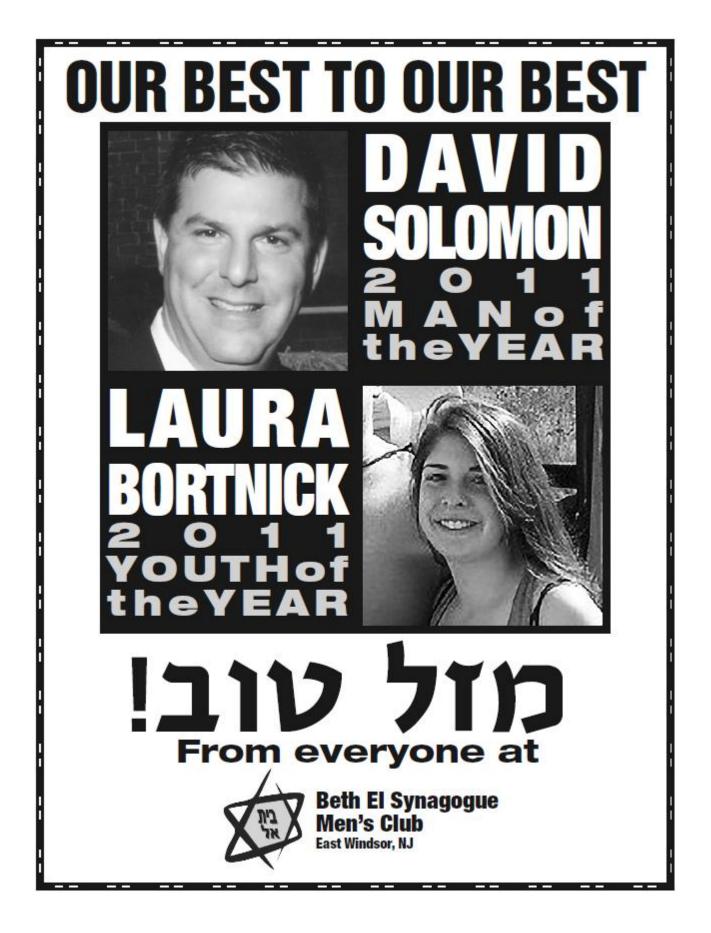
Dr. Joel Kurtz NNJR Regional Man of the Year



Dr. Mark Silverstein Congregation B'nai Israel Man of the Year Adam Rosen Congregation B'nai Israel Youth of the Year

from Steve & Marion Pardes

Mazel Tov And Yasher Koach To A very special brother, brother-in-law and uncle **Joel Kurtz** Northern New Jersey Region Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs 2011 Man of the Year We are all very proud of you, With love, Judy and Steve Barry Scott, Renee, Braeden and Logan



## Yasher Koach! Mazel tov on your award.



We are so proud of you and all your accomplishments! Your dedication, enthusiasm and tireless efforts are truly an inspiration. We love you so much!

> Mazel tov to David Solomon on being "Man of the Year"! Congratulations!

Love,

Judy, Steve and Andrew Bortnick

"You da man, Mike!" The Men's Club of **Congregation Agudath Israel** of West Essex **Salutes** Mike Chiaet Man of the Year 2011 "Thank you for all you do for our club and Agudath Israel."

# Honoring Youth of the Year Michael Sabony

## President of Scotch Plains USY Grandson of Ed & Judy Bender

## Congratulations!

Brotherhood of Temple Emeth Delray Beach, Florida The Men's Club of Cong. Beth Shalom is proud to honor

### Wallace Cowan

for all that he has done for:

- our country
- our community
- our synagogue
- our club
- his family
- and those who fly planes



"WALLY" COWAN'S CREW #72

# We also congratulate Ayal Goldberg for his involvement in the USY group.

#### Mazel Tov to you,

# Wally

for your Men's Club honor as

Man of the Year.

It couldn't happen to a nicer man.

Alex and Vicki Wulwick

# Adam

## Mazel Tov!

## We are very, very proud of you.

## You are a real Mensch.

All our love Mom, Dad, Ethan & Eli

## Adam

## Mazel Tov!

# We are so proud of all your accomplishments.

All our love, Grandma Fran, Grandpa Zev, Aunt Judy, Uncle Richie, Joshua, Jeremy & Ilana, Aunt Robin & Aunt Tammy **Mark and Joel** 

#### Mazel Tov!

# Many thanks for all you do for our community and synagogue family.

With love and appreciation, Lauren, David, Zev, Fran, Adam, Ethan & Eli Rosen

# Nice goin' Adam and Mark! Love from 'Poppy' Chuck

# MAZEL TOV TO ADAM ROSEN

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## B'NAI ISRAEL MEN'S CLUB YOUTH OF THE YEAR AND FOR A VERY SUCCESSFUL YEAR AS PRESIDENT OF THE HAGALIL "CHAPTER OF THE YEAR". WE WISH YOU CONTINUED LUCK AND SUCCESS

#### LOVE

MARK, SHIRLEY, JACOB AND MAX SILVERSTEIN

### **MAZEL TOV**

#### TO

#### **OUR MAN OF THE YEAR**

# MARK SILVERSTEIN

## LOVE

SHIRLEY, JACOB AND MAX SILVERSTEIN

To our Shul Gabbai, Senior Olympian, and mensch,

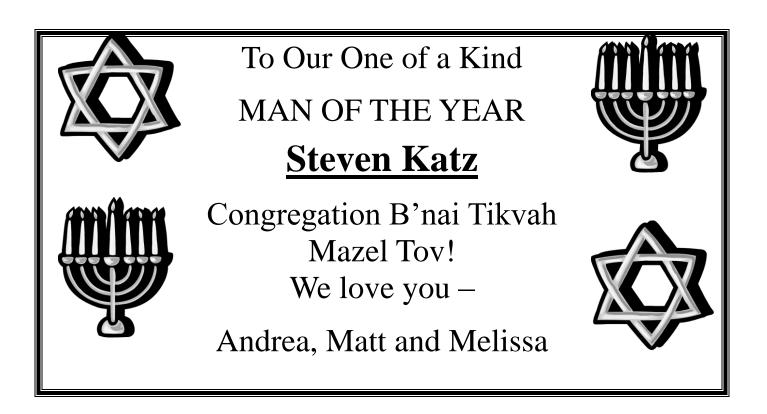
#### ERNIE BUEHLER,

The Men's Club of CBJ sincerely appreciates all you

have done for the Temple and Club!

Yasher Koach for "Erning" this most deserved honor.

All the Best, The Men's Club of CBJ



### **CONGREGATION B'NAI TIKVAH**

IS PROUD OF

# **STEVE KATZ**

OUR MEN'S CLUB MAN OF THE YEAR 2011

MAZEL TOV!

## **Harold Geller**

Mazel Tov on a great job as President of

Men's Club at Neve Shalom!

Love, your family:

#### **Robbie, Melanie, David and Snoopy**

#### כָּל הַמְכַבֵּד אֶת הַתּוֹרָה, גּוּפּוֹ מְכֵבָּד עַל הַבְּרִיּוֹת.

Whoever honors Torah will in turn be honored by others. Pirkei Avot 4:6

### Harold and Josh



From the Rosenfield and Szteinbaum Families



### To Harold Geller and Joshua Ull:

Your dedication to Judaism is what brought you to this day.

May you continue to give of yourself, to our synagogue and to our faith.

May you continue to set the example for others to follow.

Neve Shalom Men's Club



#### In honor of Harold Geller:

The melody of your life inspires us all

Your musical and spiritual journey leads the way

With affection and appreciation,

Rabbi Daniel Hillel Freelander Senior Vice President, Union for Reform Judaism

## With our Young and our Adults we will go forth – Exodus

## I am proud of Harold and Josh and derive great Nachas from serving as their Rabbi

## Rabbi Gerald Zelizer

## Harold –

## You ROCK the world!!! Mazal tov from your friends at Jewish Rock Radio!





**Rick Recht** 

"Find Jewish Rock Radio on <u>www.jewishrockradio.com</u>, iPhone and Android mobile devices."

## Mazel tov to Neve Shalom's honorees

Harold Geller

Josh Ull Man of the Year Youth of the Year

You both lead by example and it is an honor to consider each of you our friends

Elyse, Jeffrey, Haley & Whitney Schulman

# Congratulations

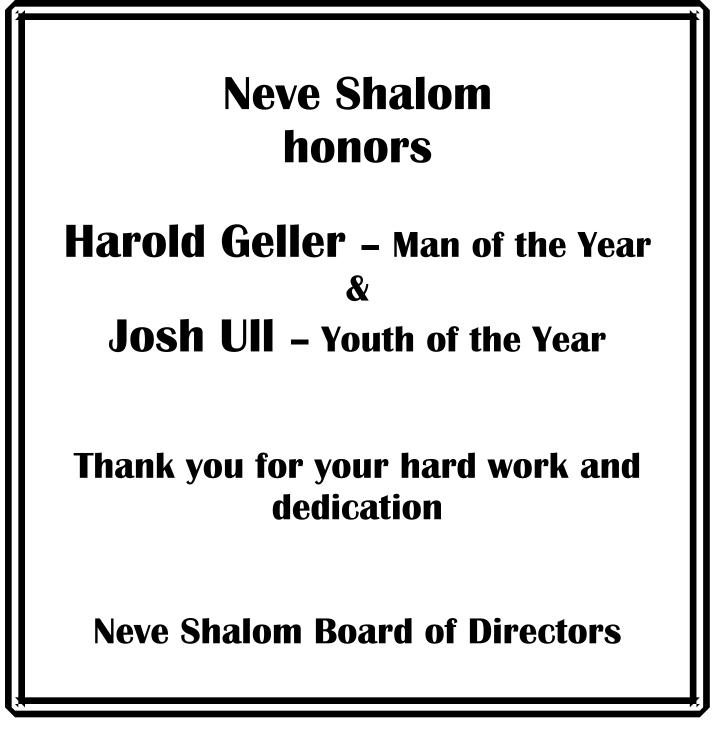
to our good friend and colleague

## Harold Geller

You make a difference everywhere!

From all of us at Donovan Data Systems





#### ". היא – הרוחני במסעך שולי עניין איננה השמחה : תמיד כור." חיונית

#### "Always remember...happiness is not a side matter in your spiritual journey...it is essential."

**Rebbe** Nachman of Breslov

#### Harold,

You always worship in joy and your spark of happiness ignites spiritual fires in everyone you touch.

Yasher Koach Gadol Tzadik on this well-earned and deserved honor.

Gil, Elinor and Kayla Bashe

#### MAZEL TOV TO

#### HAROLD GELLER - NEVE SHALOM'S "MAN OF THE YEAR"

#### AND

#### JO\$H ULL - NEVE SHALOM'S "YOUTH OF THE YEAR"

MAY YOU GO FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

#### SANDRA AND MORTON FIELDS

Congratulations to

#### HAROLD GELLER

for being selected the Men's Club

#### Man of the Year

An honor well deserved for all you have done for our Men's Club and Synagogue.

(Now if you can only get NJT to run on time,

that would be a mitzvah!)

Abe & Gail Adler

This Ad IDs You as a Great Asset to the Industry

> Mazel Tov from Your Friends at IAB



Hearty Mazal Tov to the deserving honorees Harold and Josh May you go from strength to strength. Lillian and Mike Radomsky. Congregation Neve Shalom, Metuchen, NJ

## AS YOU TEACH, YOU LEARN. Jewish Proverb Harold and Josh Always teaching by your example We are proud to call you both Friend. Jody, Stuart and Samuel



# Congratulates Harold Geller 2011 Man of The Year on This Well Deserved Honor!

Congratulations to

## HAROLD GELLER

On your well-deserved honor as

**Congregation Neve Shalom** 

## **Man of the Year**

From all of us at Judaism Alive

# For Harold Geller A mensch and a good friend

# Michael Kassan MEDIALINK

# Harold Geller

Congratulations to a true

## Man of the Year

Well deserved for all your years of service.

**Susan and Marty Abramson** 

Mazel Tov

# Josh

on this well deserved honor.

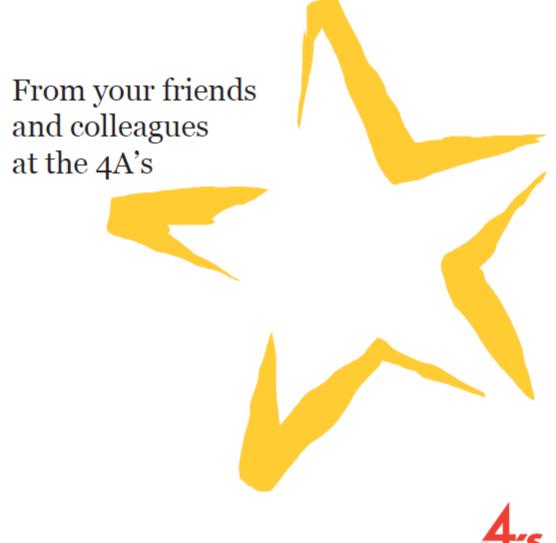
We have seen you grow from a student at Neve Shalom to a wonderful para. May you continue spreading your love for Judaism to all. U.S.Y. and Neve Shalom are fortunate to have you as a role model. **Keep up the great work!** 

**Cindy Baruch and Elise Berlin** 

### Harold,

### Congratulations on being named

#### MAN OF THE YEAR



"As the effort, so is the reward" --Pirkei Avot

Mazel Tov to two outstanding men -

## Harold and Josh

Best Wishes from

Dorothy and Eddie Thompson

Harold, Robbie, Melanie and David, we are privileged to have known you for years, So, well we know that naming Harold as Man of the Year is a highly merited honor. Mazel tov!

Mush love, Azi, Ezra and Res

# Mazel Tov to Harold Geller Man of the Year & Josh Ull Youth of the Year

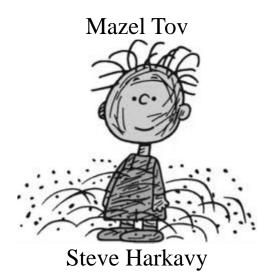
2 well deserving people. Thank you for all of the work that you do on behalf of Neve Shalom

Dave & Marcia Yellin

#### **Congratulations to Harold Geller!** 2011 Neve Shalom Man of the Year

Acclaim Hashem all people on earth. Worship Hashem in gladness; come before G-d with joyous song. - Psalm 100

Yasher Koach, Scott, Cindy, Shayna, and Joshua Ull



A True Man of the Year who is a Friend to All

You Do Us Proud

David & Margot Julis

# Stuart Alper

#### Mazel Tov on being chosen FLJC/CBI Man of the Year

Thanks for all your hard work over the years,

Gerry, Howard & Pamela Kessel

#### FAIR LAWN JEWISH CENTER/CONGREGATION BNAI ISRAEL IS PROUD TO HONOR ITS MEMBER

#### **STUART ALPER**

AS "MAN OF THE YEAR"

YOUR TRUE DEDICATION TO THE JEWISH COMMUNITY SERVES AS A ROLE MODEL FOR US ALL!

#### **YASHER KOACH!**

Ronald Roth, Rabbi Linda Ayes, President Eric Wasser, Cantor June Aranoff, Executive Director



Mazel Tov to

#### Stuart Alper

Our very own

"Man of the Year"

From your friends at the Fair Lawn Jewish Center/ Cong. B'nai Israel Men's Progress Club

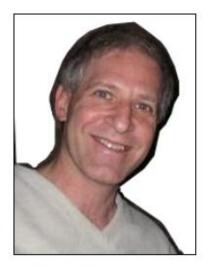


Michael Baer Stuart Breitkopf Brian Frisch Ira Lieman Evan Marcus Scott Pass Raviv Ron Stuart Rubinstein Seth Seigel-Laddy Ken Spokony



Washer Koach to... Stuart Alper

Man Of The Year 2011 Fair Lawn Jewish Center Congregation B'nai Israel

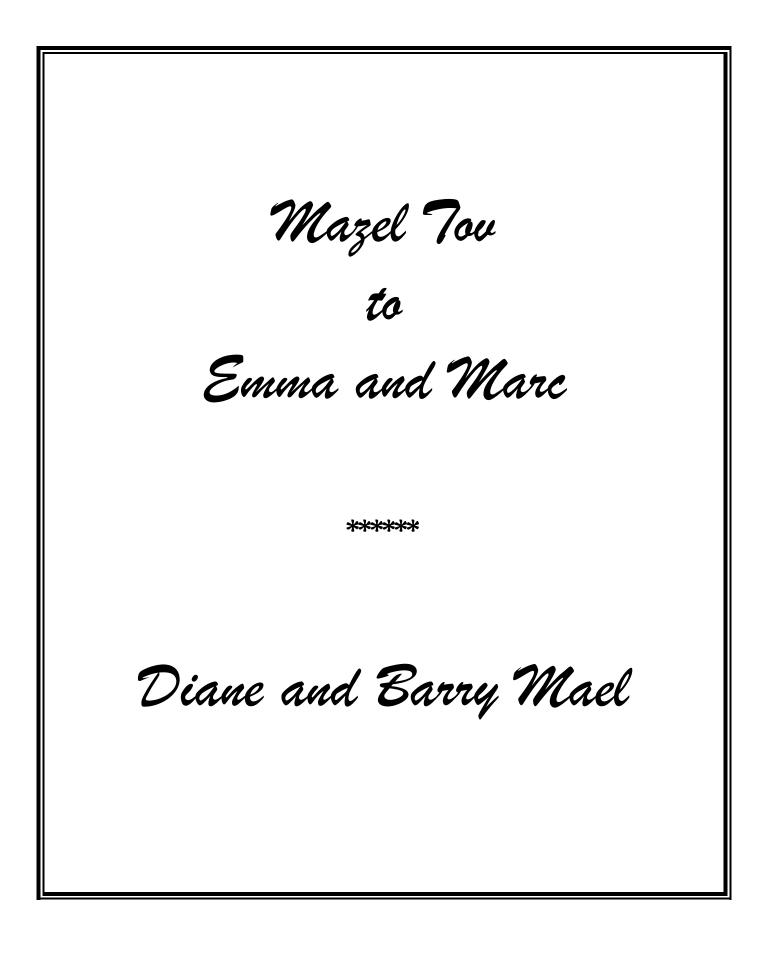


Ira Lieman Seth Seigel-Laddy David Gotlib Neil Garfinkle Roger Haberman Michael Gruber Raviv Ron Howard Kessel Lyle Novick Stuart Breitkopf Todd Walker Bob Sokol Stuart Alper Scott Pass Jeff Kroll Charles Cohen Brian Frisch Evan Marcus

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# מזל טובווו





## Marc,

Congratulations on being recognized as the Mens' Club Man of the Year. Your leadership and dedication have made the Mens' Club the vibrant and exciting organization it is today.

Seth Gross and Lisa Zimmerman

#### Mazal Tov

Marc Weinstein

Welcome to the "club" within the Club! Past recipients of the "Man of the Year" Award Highland Park Conservative Temple -Congregation Anshe Emeth

MAZEL TOV

#### to

#### Marc Weinstein

and

#### Emma Mael

We're proud to have you both as representatives of HPCT-CAE and our community. *Yasher koach and b'shalom*,

The "Shabbos Group" and "Seltza Gang" of Highland Park

#### The Men's Club of The Highland Park Conservative Temple *Congregation Anshe Emeth*

#### proudly congratulates our past president, Marc Weinstein

as our deserving recipient of the 2011 "Man of the Year" Award,

#### and

#### Emma Mael

as our honored "Youth of the Year"!

Thank you both for your dedication, commitment and respective contributions to our Men's Club, to our Temple, to our Community, and to Israel.

#### Yasher Koach!

# Mazel tov!

The Highland Park Conservative Temple Congregation Anshe Emeth

Salutes

# Marc Weinstein and Emma Mael

for their respective years of service to our Men's Club and Youth Group, to our Temple, and to Israel

#### Marc Weinstein Highland Park Conservative Temple / Congregation Anshei Emet Man of the Year

#### **Our Man, Every Year!**

Who is the man who is eager for life,	מִי-הָאִישׁ, הֶחְפֵץ חַיִּים;	
Who desires years of good fortune?	אֹהֵב יָמִים, לִרְאוֹת טוֹב.	
Guard your tongue from evil,	נְצֹר לְשׁוֹנְהָ מֵרָע;	
Your lips from deceitful speech.	וּשְׂפָתֶידָ, מִדַּבֵּר מִרְמָה.	
Shun evil and do good,	ָסוּר מֵרָע, וַעֲשֵׂה-טוֹב	
Seek peace and pursue it.	ַבַּק <i>ָשׁ</i> שָׁלוֹם וְרָדְפֵהוּ.	
(Psalm 34 13-15)		

The righteous bloom like a date-palm;	צַדִּיק, כַּתָּמָר יִפְרָח;
They thrive like a cedar in Lebanon;	כְּאֶרֶז בַּלְּבָנוֹן יִשְׂגֶה.
Planted in the house of the Lord,	אָתוּלִים, הְּבֵית יְהוָה;
They flourish in the courts of our God.	בְּחַצְרוֹת אֶלֹהֵינוּ יַפְרִיחוּ.
In old age they still produce fruit;	ָעוֹד, יְנוּבוּן בְּשֵׂיבָה;
They are full of sap and freshness,	- דְּשֵׁנִים וְרַאֲנַנִּים יִהְיוּ
Attesting that the Lord is upright,	ָלְהַגִּיד, כִּי-יָשָׁר יְהוָה;
My rock, in whom there is no wrong.	צוּרִי, וְלֹא עַוְלָתָה בּוֹ.
(Psalm 92:13-16)	

We are so proud of all your accomplishments!

With Love,

Mom, Dad Joe, David, et al

Stephanie L.E., Dara, Asher, Elie and Ilana

#### Evan J. Fox

#### WHOEVER IS HAPPY WILL MAKE OTHERS HAPPY TOO.

#### **ANNE FRANK**

All you have chosen to participate in has enabled you to give back in ways that are truly inspiring. You have made us all so proud and we are thrilled to watch you receive this honor. Our wish for you is that every accomplishment in your life compels you to influence others.

#### "THESE THREE ARE THE MARKS OF A JEW - A TENDER HEART, SELF-RESPECT, AND CHARITY"

May your love for Judaism be a source of inspiration in your life and in the lives of those who are influenced by you.

With much Love and Naches, Mom, Dad, Cory, Grandma, Grandpa and Grandpop



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AS OUR MEN'S CLUB'S

#### MAN OF THE YEAR

#### AND

#### **EVAN FOX**

AS OUR MEN'S CLUB'S

#### YOUTH OF THE YEAR

WE THANK STEVE FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO MJC AND THE MEN'S CLUB AND THANK EVAN FOR HIS DEDICATION TO OUR SYNAGOGUE AND USY.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO STEVE SOLOMON AND EVAN FOX

AND ALL THE OTHER HONOREES

FROM YOUR FRIENDS AT DRUCKER, MATH & WHITMAN, P.C. NORTH BRUNSWICK, N.J.

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# We are so proud of our MOY: Steve Solomon





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#### AS PAST MAN OF THE YEAR HONOREES WE WELCOME OUR FRIEND

#### STEVEN SOLOMON

#### TO THE

#### "CLUB"

#### ישר כח and מזל טוב

#### To Steve for his many years of dedication to the

Marlboro Jewish Center Men's Club

Lance Adelson Eric Bonett Elliott Brown Michael Danziger Alan Greenberg Larry Josephs Rob Klepner Steve Landau Allan Solomon



#### Marlboro Jewish Center is Proud of our Honorees!

#### Man of the Year Steve Solomon

and

Youth of the Year Evan Fox



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> MAZAL TOV TO STEVE AND EVAN AND THE SOLOMON AND FOX FAMILIES



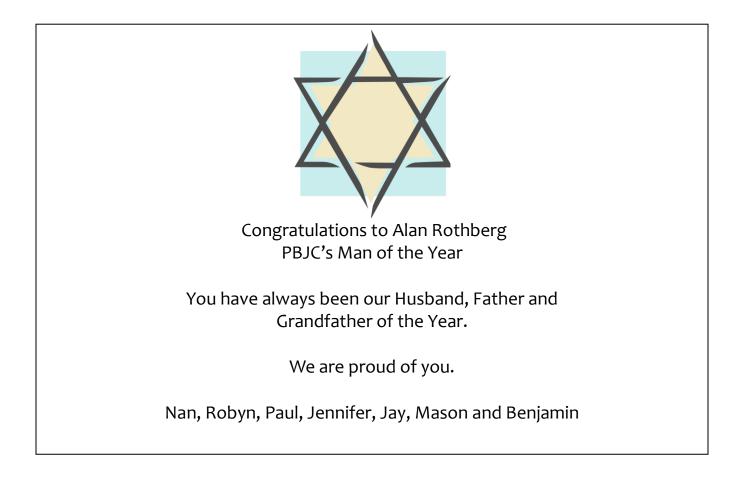
#### Congratulations to Evan Fox on a Well-Deserved Honor!

The teachers and staff at Marlboro Jewish Center Hebrew School are so proud of YOU!

May you go from Strength to Strength!

May you always bring to your family and the Jewish people Joy and Naches

Mrs. Susan Rosenblum Co-Director Mrs. Debbie Kesserman Co-Director



#### The Pine Brook Jewish Center Men's Club

**Proudly honors** 



#### **Our 2011 – 2012 Youth of the Year**

In recognition of his outstanding achievement and dedication to the PBJC, Community and School

Congratulations and we thank you for all your hard work, contributions, commitment and your meritorious service

#### All the men from the PBJC Men's Club

#### The Pine Brook Jewish Center Men's Club

#### **Proudly honors**

# <u>ALAN</u> <u>Rothberg</u>

#### **Our 2011 – 2012 Man of the Year**

In recognition of his 25+ years of outstanding service and dedication to the PBJC Men's Club and Synagogue

Congratulations and thank you for all your contributions, assistance and support through the years!

#### All the guys from the PBJC Men's Club

Mazel Tov and Yasher Koach to our son,

# GABRIEL



## Youth of the Year

#### PINE BROOK JEWISH CENTER

For your outstanding commitment to the religious school music program, your dedication and leadership during the High Holy Days, your involvement in USY, as well as your volunteerism to Pine Brook Jewish Center.

> LOVE, MOM, DAD & ALYSSA

#### Mazel Tov

# Alan Rothberg

Pine Brook Jewish Center's Man of the Year

from

Jeffrey, Nancy, Gabriel & Alyssa Weiss

# **To our Grandson**

GABE

"The Youth of Every Year"

We Are Very Proud of You!

Grandma Barbara Grandma Joan Granpa Poppy

Congratulations to the Honorees on Their Well-Deserved **Recognition for Their** Leadership, Hard Work, and Dedication

# MAN & YOUTH **OF THE YEAR PINE BROOK JEWISH CENTER** Yasher Koach Alan Rothberg & Gabriel Weiss

Pine Brook Jewish Center

Re Brook

You lead us, you inspire us You are a pride to our faith and our synagogue family

**CONGRATULATIONS TO** 

#### **ALAN ROTHBERG**

**PBJC MEN'S CLUB** 

#### MAN OF THE YEAR

Example is not the main thing in influencing others. It's the only thing. You have set a great example!

> TO ALAN ROTHBERG; A PAST AND PRESENT LEADER

FROM YOUR FELLOW PAST PBJC PRESIDENTS:

KAREN ADELMAN HOWARD CHESLER RAY FELDMAN RANDEE FOX DALE GREENFIELD BOB KANARICK RICHARD KURLAND JERRY OPPENBERG MARK ROFFMAN JORY SCHLENGER LEN WALLACH BARRY WEINREB PHIL ZWICK

# Man of the Year,

# OUR BARRY

Lots of Love and Pride Mom & Dad Neil & Beth Diana & Adam And your five California Nephews Mazel Tov to our wonderful son-in-law, brother-in-law and uncle on being recognized for your contribution to your Shomrei Torah community.

#### Love,

The Waldmans Mom, Ralph, Annie, Mitchell and Noah

We are so proud of you Barry (and daddy) on being recognized as Shomrei Torah's man of the year. You are a great role model for our family and we are so proud of you!

Wíth much love, Sarah, Shayna, Míra, Josh, Kayla and Odíe



#### **BARRY BLECHERMAN**

#### **MEN'S CLUB MAN OF THE YEAR**



Elaine & Sy Schlossberg

Barry Kol Ha Kavod For your servíce to our Community!

- The Weis Family



Steve & Sandy Cooper Harvey & Naomí Míller Annette & Andy Líeb Rabbí Randall Mark The Weís Famíly

#### **Congratulations Barry**

Barry Blecherman -Man of the Year

Shomrei Torah Men's Club

Thank you for your friendship

and the things you do so often

**for our community** Nancy, Moshe, Rachel, Jeff, Jackie & Lonnie

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# Mazel Tov to

# Barry

for this well deserved honor.

# Thank you for all you have done!

With Love, Shomrei Torah Sisterhood



TEMPLE BETH EL SOMERSET SISTERHOOD Congratulates MAYOR BRIAN LEVINE ON HIS RECEIVING THE MEN'S CLUB MAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

#### Temple Beth El Somerset Men's Club Salutes Brian Levine Our 2011 Man of the Year



Brian, we greatly appreciate what you have done for Men's Club and the greater Franklin Township Community. For the past five years, you have given annual presentations at our Men's Club breakfast. During these presentations you have informed our congregants as to the key issues confronting our township and what you are doing about them. You have been receptive to congregant questions and made them feel like valued members of our community.

As Mayor of Franklin Township you have achieved several notable accomplishments these include:

- ✓ Reduction of the town budget by nearly 12% in the past two years
- ✓ Implementing legislation which enabled Franklin to become one of the first communities with a Pay to Play ordinance.
- ✓ Supporting Franklin's land preservation efforts: Over 1/3 of the municipality in excess of 15 square miles is permanently preserved for open space, recreation, and farming.
- ✓ 2009 selection by the New Jersey Regional Coalition as Mayor of the Year, mostly for your work on fair housing issues in NJ.
- During your fifth year as mayor, Franklin was honored by being named by CNN & Money Magazine as the **5th best municipality in which to live in the United States.** This year, Franklin Township was honored to be on the list again, keeping its status as the highest ranking town in New Jersey.

Note: Franklin is a municipality of about 62,000 residents spread over 40 square miles – it stretches from New Brunswick to Princeton. It is often better known by the sections of town, including: Somerset, Franklin Park, Kingston, Zarephath, Griggstown, Middlebush, East Millstone, Little Rocky Hill, etc. Out of 566 municipalities in New Jersey, Franklin in Somerset County is approximately #21 in size.

The Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah Men's Club Extends a Very Hearty Yasher Ko-ach to Michael Roth On Being Named Our Man of the Year 2011-12 And to **Daniel Brotman** On Being Named Our Youth of the Year 2011-12 Mazel Tov on a Well-Deserved Honor!!!

# **Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah**

## The Past Salutes The Present - - -And Is Repeated. As

Cantor Steven Stern, Mike Goldstein, Dan Shifrin, Bob Kolker Paul Hymanson, Morris Roth, Joe Cangelosi, Alan Davis, Dr. Mike Miller, Arthur Gesten, Bill Hausler

# Recognize

# **Michael Roth**

#### As Our Man of the Year 2011

#### &

# **Daniel Brotman**

## As Our

Youth of the Year

**Mazel Tov and Yasher Ko-ach** 



**Congratulations to** 

#### JOSH RABINOWITZ Man of the Year

You are our Man of the Year every day and every time we need a helping hand. You are always here for us!

The Men's Club Congregation Beth Ohr Old Bridge, NJ



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#### JOSH RABINOWITZ

#### WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU FOR RECEIVING THIS SPECIAL HONOR FROM THE MEN'S CLUB OF CONGREGATION BETH OHR!

MAZEL TOV!

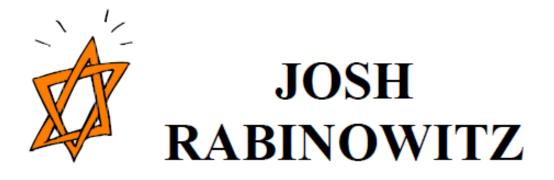
LOVE, MOM & DAD AND MARK & KARA Josh Rabinowitz Congregation Beth Ohr

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## OUR MAN OF <u>EVERY</u> YEAR

## WE ARE SO VERY PROUD OF YOU.

## LOVE, GRANNIE AND POP~POP



### Mazel Tov on Being Honored as Beth Ohr's Man of the Year.

### You are Special to Us Every Day of the Year.

Love, Sue, Alan, Rachel, Marc and Rachel **Rabbi Eugene and Irene Wernick** 

Congratulate

Josh Rabinowitz

On this fine honor from The Men's Club Congregation Beth Ohr Congratulations to

Congregation Beth Ohr's Man of the Year *And all the time...* 

#### Josh Rabinowitz

Elliot Leibowitz And Lee & Ira Donenfeld

Yasher Koach to

Josh Rabinowitz Beth Ohr's Man of the Year

A well deserved honor!

Ronnie and Ed Mendlowitz

**Congratulations to** 

Congregation Beth Ohr's Man of the Year

#### Josh Rabinowitz You are a man we can count on!

Alice & David Honig

Mazel Tov to

#### **Josh Rabinowitz**

Congregation Beth Ohr's Man of the Year We are very proud of you!

Sue & Herb Goldenberg

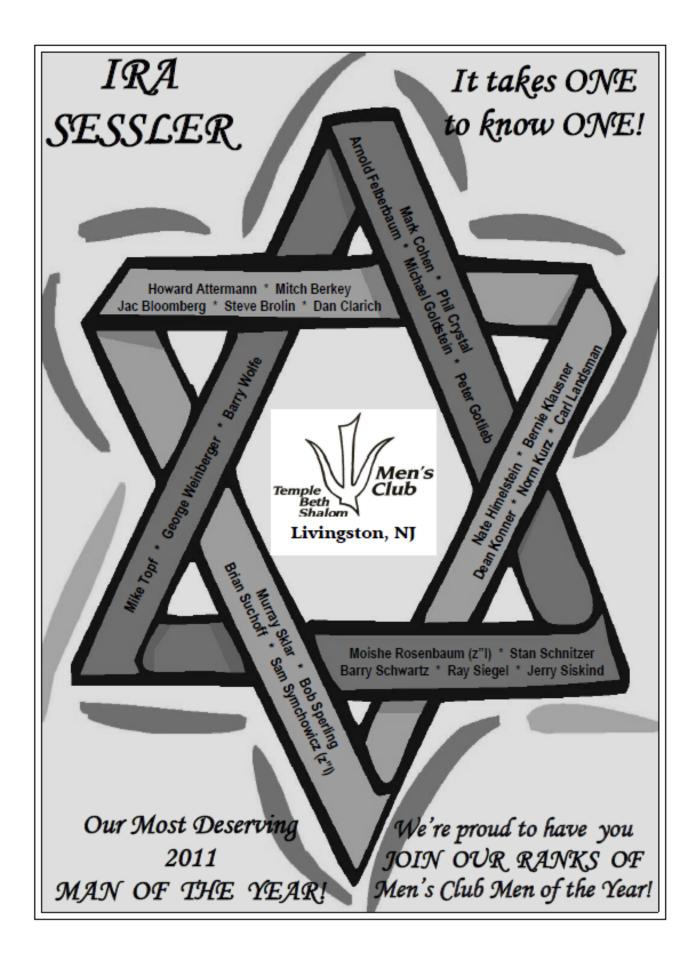


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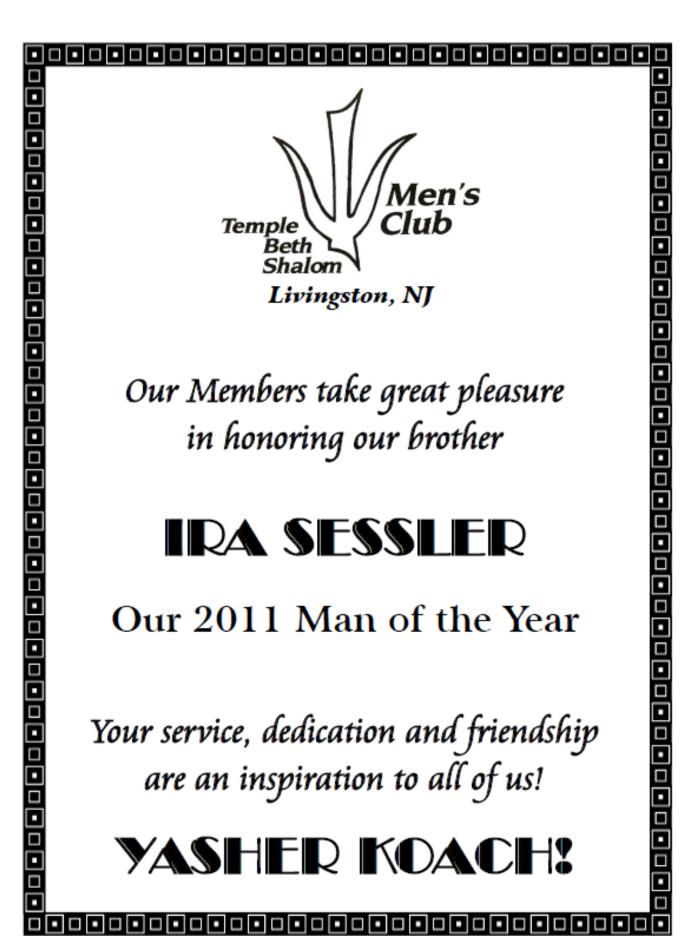
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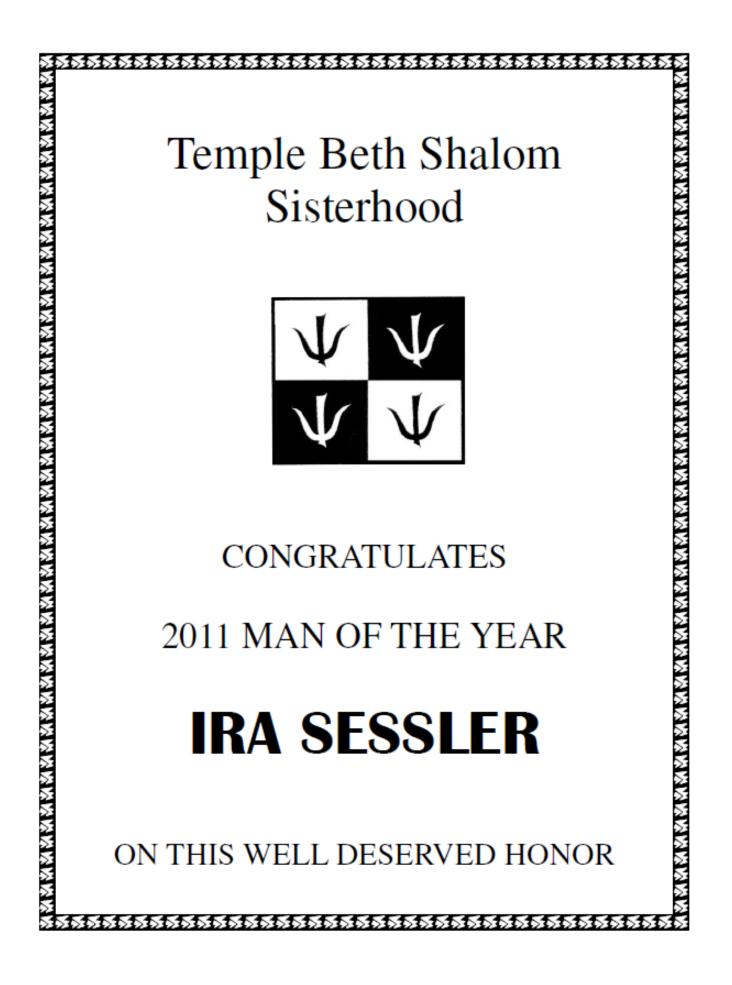
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Nou are One in a Minyan!









**Our congratulations go out to** Ira Sessier and all of the "Man of the Year" honorees! Ira, thank you so very much for your leadership, commitment and vision for our Men's Club, our shul and our community. **The Greif Family** Laura, Jeffrey & Jonathan



### THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF TEMPLE BETH SHALOM LIVINGSTON, NEW JERSEY

### SALUTES OUR MAN OF THE YEAR

# Ira Sessler

Rather a good name than much wealth, and favor is better than silver or gold Proverbs 22:1

Margie Wolfe, President

Mitchell Berkey, Vice President Anita Cohen, Vice President Stanley Goodman, Vice President Laura Greif, Vice President Mel Zirkes, Vice President Jeff Harrison, Treasurer Marshall Saunders, Financial Secretary Lisa Mayer, Recording Secretary

Rabbi Geoffrey Spector, Rabbi Steven Kandler, Executive Director Hillel said: If I am not for myself who will be for me? Yet, if I am for myself only, what am I? And if not now, when?

For his unselfish devotion to Men's Club and the greater community, the Temple Beth Shalom Board of Trustees is forever thankful.

Yasher Koach on this well deserved honor. We salute you,

### Ira Sessler

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### Mazal Tov to our dear friend Ira Sessler

### The honor of Man of the Year is well deserved! Thank you for your support of Temple Beth Shalom and our Men's Club.

### Margie, Barry, Marla and Lauren Wolfe



Mazel Tov and Yasher Koach to our Very Special Man of the Year Whose Lifetime of Hard Work to the Jewish Community and Men's Club is Being Honored

# **Burt Mandell**

Best wishes from your friends at Temple Beth El Mekor Chayim Men's Club The Men's Club of Temple Beth El Mekor Chayim Congratulates and Sends Best Wishes to Our Most Well Deserving Good Friend

# **Burt Mandell**

### Man of the Year 2011/5772

We are so proud of your many achievements and years of dedicated service to the Men's Club and our Synagogue.

> You are an inspiration to all of us and we say "thank you". Mazel Tov

Marty Metzger, Lance Kandl, George Forest, Len Farber, Phil Stein, Ted Taub, Lester Rosenblum, Mike Hecht, Craig Schwartz, Bert Fine, Martin Scher, Marvin Margulies, Leo Dulberger, Irwin Rappaport, Henry Einhorn, Dave Salomon, Chuck Leavitt L'Dor Va Dor

From Generation to Generation

#### **Burt Mandell**

Yasher Koach on being named Temple Beth El-Mekor Chayim Men's Club Man of the Year

You have lived a life fitting of a role model:

Multiple Generations of Students, as a Teacher, Guidance Counselor, Vice Principal and Principal

Countless youth as a USY Advisor

And your family, who learned the value and importance of volunteering and serving in their Community

Doris Steve, Laura, Erica, Jeffrey & Scott Dave, Lois, Jess, Lauren & Allison Phyllis, Lance, Doug & Matt

**Congratulations** to our friend Bob Obeiter upon his selection by the Northern New Jersey Region of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, as its 2011 Man of the Year Best of Luck! Steve & Judy Maslak

# Congratulations to **BOB OBEITER**

You are a gentleman of the synagogue and Jewish religious life is at the core of your being. We are proud to be your neighbor and friend!

Mazel Tov on being chosen Man of the Year!

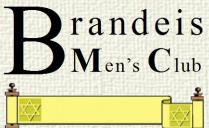
Love, The **Rosenfeld** Family Jason, Jamie, Jared and Cody



Robert Obeiter

A Well Deserved Honor

Mary and Peter Casale



# Congratulations!!!

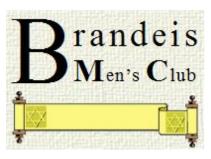


# Bob Obeiter Our 2011

# Man of the Year

Brandeis Men's Club 🐖

Temple Israel, Ridgewood, NJ



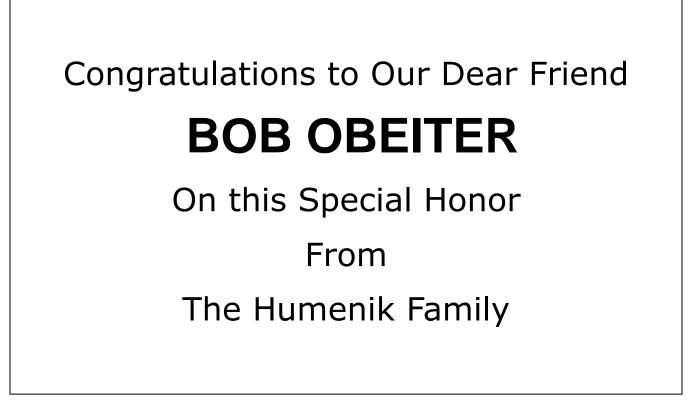
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### MAZEL TOV TO OUR MAN OF THE YEAR! BOB OBEITER

YOU ARE AN ACE IN OUR BOOK!



EVAN, CHRIS, DAVID, ARLENE, HOWARD, TRICIA!



Congratulations To Our Brother Robert Obeiter

From BoY







**Myrna and Steve Shomstein & Eileen Mintz** 

# **To: Rob Obeiter**

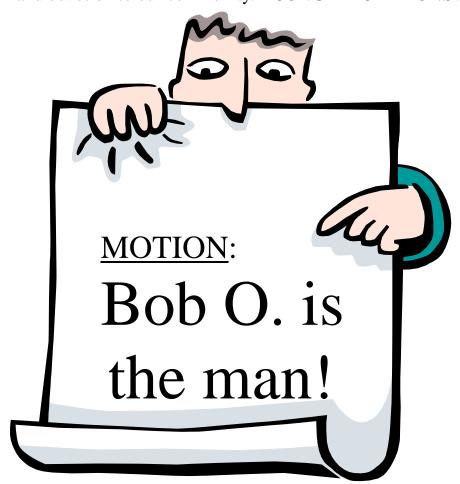
Our friend for over 50 years. We always knew you were Man of the Year.

# **Congratulations!**

Mitch Lefkowitz Andy Wiznia Warren Goldberg The Board of Directors of Temple Israel, Ridgewood NJ, hereby resolves that

**Bob Obeiter** 

is being honored as BMC's **2011-2012 MOY** in recognition of his continuous work and devotion to our community. *CONGRATULATIONS*!



Motion PASSED unanimously by:

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David Cox Aviv Efrat Alan Gallatin Manny Haber Matt Lindenberg Bob Rohrberger Alex Rothschild Merille Siegel Bob Yampell Congratulations Robert Obeiter On Being Chosen Temple Israel's Man of the Year

Your Partners and Colleagues at Applied Energy Group

### Great Dad, Great Guy



Thank you for everything you've done for us - for putting up with us, for raising us right, and for imparting both your wisdom and your cringe-worthy sense of "humor."

Love, Mike, Josh and Sara

#### **Bob Obeiter**,

he's our man, if he can't do it, nobody can.

Congratulations to Bob on being Ridgewood's Brandeis Men's Club Man of the Year. Thanks for all of your hard work and dedication to our Shul. Your wear many hats here – House Chair, Ritual Chair, setting up the rain catcher. Keep up the good work!

Sandy and Joe Wechsler

IF YOU LOOK UP THE WORD *MENSCH* IN THE DICTIONARY YOU WILL SEE A PICTURE OF

# **BOB OBEITER**

MAZEL TOV ON THIS WELL DESERVED HONOR!

The **HABER** Family MANNY, SHARI, JAKOB and CARLY

### מזל טוב!

#### Alan Rubin Jason Ginsberg

for being chosen as

Man of the Year Youth of the Year

of Temple Sholom!

Thanks for all that you do!

Ilene, David, Alexis and Matthew Deitz Gisele, Dave, Jordan and Alexa Joachim Karen, Herb, Arlynn and Hayley Katz Andrea, Lou, Zara and Hanna Krilov

Mazel Tov to

### **Jason Ginsberg**

On being chosen Temple Shalom's

#### "Youth of the Year"

You make us very proud!

Love you Memar and Bubba

#### Mazel Tov

to

#### **Jason Ginsberg**

on his continued Dedication and Commitment to Temple Sholom and Community Service

You are OUR favorite YOUTH and We are always PROUD of everything you do!

> We Love YOU, Mom, Dad and Adam

Mazel Tov to Alan Rubin on being honored as the "Man of the Year" We wish a hearty

# מזל טוב!

to

## **Alan Rubin** Our 2011 Man of the Year

Thank you for your endless efforts in support of our Men's Club and all of Temple Sholom's activities for so many years. Your dedication, service, humility and good humor inspire us all.

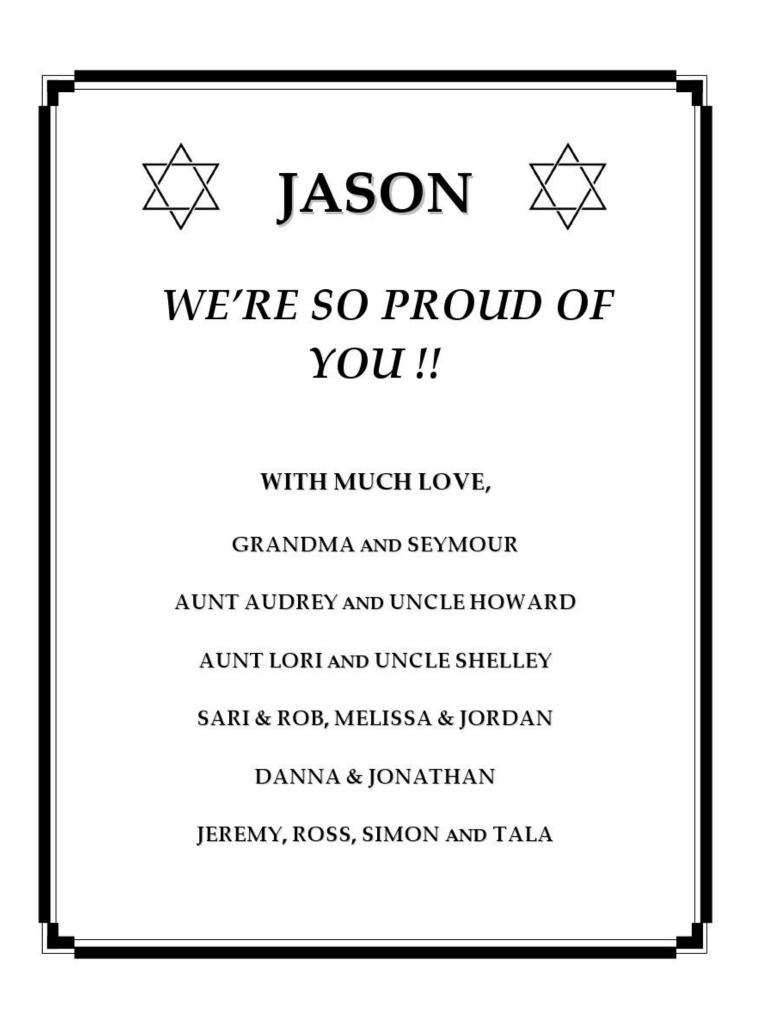
## Jason Ginsberg

### **Our 2011 Youth of the Year**

Thank you for your participation and leadership in Temple activities and USY, and for your volunteer efforts to make life better for others. Your love of Judaism, participation and service are exemplary.

### **Temple Sholom Men's Club**

Bridgewater, New Jersey



Congratulations and Thank You

to Temple Sholom's

#### Alan Rubin

*Man-of-the-Year* and

### Jason Ginsberg

*Youth-of-the-Year* and to our other FJMC Honorees



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#### Jason,



We are so proud of you for all you do. Mazel Tov and Congratulations on the special honor of being named Youth of the Year. Enjoy your day. With Love, Aunt Sharon, Uncle Richie, Jes and Gregory Happy are they who dwell in Thy house; forever shall they praise Thee.

TEMPLE SHOLOM Box 6007 Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807 908-722-1339 Fax: 908-253-0878 Mazel Tov to our 2011 Honorees with sincere thanks for your service and commitment

### Alan Rubin Man of the Year

Jason Ginsberg Youth of the Year

We celebrate your selfless efforts on behalf of our congregation and community

from your Temple Sholom family



### Did you know?

Each year, Northern New Jersey Region offers scholarships to help USYers participate in USY On Wheels? For more information, ask a regional board member.

Below is a short note and some pictures from one of last years winners.

My name is Arielle Kafker and I was one of the scholarship recipients for USY on Wheels this past summer. I first wanted to thank you again because it was truly the summer of a lifetime and I would not have had the opportunity to experience it had it not been for your generosity. Here are the pictures and article you requested.

The first picture is us germaphobes doing our sign. The second is of me and one of my closest friends from the trip wearing one of our good friend's fanny pack in front of the liberty bell. The third picture is of a bunch of us holding the world's largest Hershey's bar in Hershey World. The fourth is me and a good friend of mine at Cowboy's Stadium in Dallas. And the last picture is at Yosemite.

Thanks again! Arielle













### BIENNIAL MEN'S RETREAT!

Friday 1:30pm-Sunday 11am

#### June 1 - 3, 2012

Join Your Brothers from: HVR, MAR, NNJR and NYM

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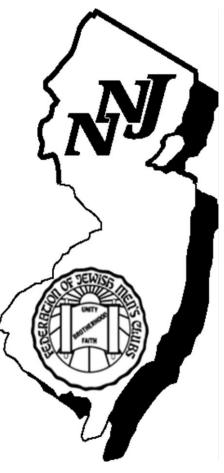
- Softball and Other Sports Boating and Fishing
- Nature Trails
- Cycling
- Shabbat Experience Havdallah under the stars
- Incredible Ruach and Camaraderie...and much more!

Cost of get-a-way is <u>subsidized by NNJR</u> and may be subsidized by your club, too. . .

Questions? . . . want to sign up?? <u>Contact</u>: Joel Kurtz joku@hotmail.com

This is the one they'll be talking about Help make the memories . . . be there!

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For FJMC information,

log on to: http://www.fjmc.org

There's great information for you on these web sites!

**Please arrive home safely** 

## **SAVE THESE DATES!**



WORLD WIDE WRAP Sunday, February 5, 2012

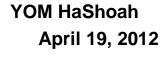
NNJR New Jersey Devils Hockey Afternoon February 26, 2012





#### MEN'S CLUB SHABBAT March 23 - 24, 2012 Vayikra (Leviticus 1:1 - 5:26)

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2012 Biennial Retreat June 1 - 3, 2012

### East Brunswick Jewish Center Men's Club

A Yasher Koach to

# **Steve Harkavy Our** 2011 Man of the Year

Thank You for Your Leadership, Hard Work, Friendship, Self-Sacrificing Efforts And Setting The Bar High





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Special congratulations to Josh Rabinowitz, 2011 Beth Ohr's Man of the Year and all the Men and Youths of the Year.

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