# Northern New Jersey Region of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs Presents



# 2022/5783 Man of the Year & Youth of the Year 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Celebration

Tribute Program (Northern & Southern Clubs of the NNJR)

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## Introduction

## About the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs

The FJMC mission is to involve Jewish Men in Jewish Life by building and strengthening Men's Clubs in the Conservative / Masorti Movement. We accomplish this mission by:

- Leadership: mentoring leaders at the club, region and international level,
- **Innovation**: developing programming that better connects people of all ages to the Jewish community,
- Community: forming meaningful long-lasting relationships based on camaraderie, common interests and core values.

FJMC, a partnership of over 200 affiliated clubs with more than 20,000 members across North America and around the world, brings value and adds meaning to the lives of men and their families. Through our programming and the broad dissemination of the creative programming developed by our clubs, we touch hundreds of thousands of people each year.

## About the Northern New Jersey Region of FJMC

The Northern New Jersey Region is the link between 27 Men's Clubs from Conservative synagogues in New Jersey and Staten Island to the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs (FJMC), which serves more than 200 affiliated Clubs in the United States, Canada, Israel and Uganda along with the Masorti communities of the United Kingdom and France. Together, we strive to increase the level of participation in synagogue life, Jewish observance and brotherhood among our members. We do this by sharing ideas and pooling our talents and resources.

## About the Man of the Year Celebration

This is the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Man of the Year/Youth of the Year Celebration for the Northern NJ Region. The MOY/YOY Celebration is a way for our clubs to honor and recognize men and youth from their synagogues that have made a significant impact on the local Jewish communities. Each person selected has helped develop engagement for Men in the life of their shuls, and the youth chosen have been essential volunteers that have had an impact on their shuls and local secular communities as well. Additionally, each year the Northern NJ Region selects a Region Man of the Year. This man has made a meaningful impact as a volunteer for the region. Please join us annually to continue celebrating these great people now and in the future.

# Make Your Own History



JUNE 29 - JULY 2, 2023

FJMC Convention is.....

**Connecting** 



👚 Learning



Prayer



...and lots of FUN!



# Welcome

to the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs Biennial International Convention!

We've waited four years to get together in-person and we're doing it in "The City of Brotherly Love"; the home of Rocky, Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, soft pretzels, and now...FJMC Convention!

## CONVENTION REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Come Early - Stay Late
Explore Amazing Philly!



JUNE 29 - JULY 2, 2023

Bring the Whole Gang!
Philly is a great city with hundreds of sights,
museums and more to entertain your whole family.

#### Come early, Stay for Fireworks!

Convention is Thursday-Sunday but there's so much to do you're going to want to enjoy our pre and post-convention activities or plan a longer stay to explore Philly your own then enjoy the 4th of July celebration..

Things to Do: Explore Philly Places



Convention Home
The Philadelphia Marriott Downtown

Come to the FJMC Convention Thursday - Sunday, June 29 - July 2, 2023

https://www.fjmc.org/register-2023

Visit the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs Website:



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## Order of Ceremonies - Northern Clubs NNJR Celebration

# December 4, 2022

#### Welcome from Man of the Year Celebration Chair

David Mandell, East Brunswick Jewish Center (East Brunswick)

### The Star-Spangled Banner, Hatikvah

#### Ma'ariv Service

Ari Kampel, B'nai Shalom (West Orange)

#### **Dvar Torah**

Rabbi Rachel Salston, Fair Lawn Jewish Center (Fair Lawn)

#### **Welcoming Remarks from NNJR President**

David Glass, Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael (Springfield)

## **Welcoming Remarks from FJMC**

Alan Budman, FJMC 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Temple Sinai (Dresher, PA)

#### **Recognition of 2022 Man of the Year Honorees**

David Glass, Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael (Springfield)

## **Club Honoree Introductions & Congratulations**

Congregation Agudath Israel (Caldwell)

Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim (Cranford)

Fair Lawn Jewish Center (Fair Lawn)

Temple Beth Shalom (Livingston)

Pine Brook Jewish Center (Montville)

Temple Israel & JCC (Ridgewood)

Congregation Beth Israel (Scotch Plains)

Congregation Beth El (South Orange)

Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael (Springfield)

Congregation B'nai Jeshurun (Staten Island, NY)

Shomrei Torah, The Wayne Conservative Congregation (Wayne)

B'nai Shalom (West Orange)

#### Introduction of NNJR Man of the Year

Joel Brimmer, 2021 NNJR MOY, Congregation B'nai Jeshurun (Staten Island, NY)

#### Remarks from the NNJR Man of the Year

Michael Keats, Temple Sholom (Bridgewater)

#### **Closing Remarks**

David Mandell, Chair, 2022 Man of the Year Celebration, East Brunswick Jewish Center (East Brunswick)

## Order of Ceremonies - Southern Clubs NNJR Celebration

## **December 11, 2022**

#### Welcome from Man of the Year Celebration Chair

David Mandell, East Brunswick Jewish Center (East Brunswick)

### The Star-Spangled Banner, Hatikvah

#### Ma'ariv Service

Elliott Brown, Past President of NNJR (Boynton Beach, FL)

#### **Dvar Torah**

Rabbi Dan Selsberg, Temple Sholom (Bridgewater)

#### **Welcoming Remarks from NNJR President**

David Glass, Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael (Springfield)

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#### **Closing Remarks**

David Mandell, Chair, 2022 Man of the Year Celebration, East Brunswick Jewish Center (East Brunswick)



# **NNJR Man of the Year Biography & Congratulations**

## **Michael Keats**

**Temple Sholom (Bridgewater)** 



Mike is an active member of the Temple Sholom Men's Club, a two-term Past Club President, and was Temple Sholom's 2015 Man of the Year honoree. Over the years he has helped run many FJMC programs at Temple Sholom and innovative programs like the Meshuggenah Road Rally (a tour of sites of Jewish significance in the region), Passover University (sharing ideas for innovative seders), and the Build-a-Grogger program (winner of FJMC's 2017-2019 Gold Torch Award for Youth Programming).

Mike first got involved in FJMC and the Northern NJ Region when he attended the FJMC International Convention in Philadelphia in 2009. After his terms as Club President, Mike joined the NNJR Board as a Trustee. Since then, he has served as NNJR Recording Secretary, Vice President for Communications, and currently as Vice President – Rosh North. Mike designed and implemented NNJR's monthly

email newsletter, bringing NNJR and FJMC news directly to NNJR club members and friends in the region. This year he is coordinating a Regional Club Leadership Institute (March 19, 2023) to be held jointly with the NNJR, Metro NYC, and Hudson Valley regions.

Mike was instrumental in pivoting NNJR and FJMC to online programming during COVID. In 2020, he coordinated the technology for NNJR's virtual Presidents Installation and Man of the Year Celebration, honoree testimonial videos and ad journal. As Technology Lead for FJMC's 2021 Rabbi Joel S. Geffen Leadership Development Institute, Mike coordinated delivery of the program virtually, an FJMC first. With the continued impact of the pandemic, FJMC shifted plans to make its 2021 Convention virtual and Mike developed the plan and coordinated a team of volunteers to deliver a week of virtual programs to hundreds of Convention attendees.

Mike's professional career started in satellite systems design with electrical engineering degrees from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and the University of Southern California. After earning his master's degree in public administration from the University of Pennsylvania, Mike shifted to a career in public sector and not-for-profit management consulting. He has consulted as a member of a Big Four firm and as an independent consultant, and he served in government as Director of Budget and Financial Planning for the New York City Housing Authority. He is currently employed as a Principal/Client Lead with North Highland where he provides program management and quality assurance support for complex system modernization programs for the State of New Jersey.

A fifth-generation native of Jewish Trenton, Mike has lived in Bridgewater for the last 23 years with his wife of 28 years, Andrea Greenberg Keats, and their four children – Harrison (25), Max (24), Rachel (21) and Sam (21). When not working or doing Men's Club activities, Mike can be found trekking the hiking trails of New Jersey and beyond.



You put your heart and soul into everything you do...
Groggers, the sukkah, and giant menorah too.
We are so proud to be celebrating you.
You've always been our Man, every day of the year,
You rise to every challenge and conquer every fear.
Here's to our Regional Man of the Year 2022!!



Love, Your Wife, your Kids, and your Dog



# CONGRATULATIONS AND YASHER KOACH TO

# **ALLEN BASIS**

AND

# **BEN BODNER**

MARLBORO JEWISH CENTER'S

MAN OF THE YEAR AND YOUTH OF THE YEAR

AND REGIONAL MAN OF THE YEAR

# MICHAEL KEATS

AND TO ALL THE OTHER HONOREES TONIGHT



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# Mazel Tov to all the NNJR Men and Youth of the Year, and our Regional Man of the Year:

# MICHAEL KEATS!

Please support the FJMC and all of our ancestors by participating in the annual Yom Hashoah Yellow Candle program.



# SHARING LIGHT FOR REMEMBRANCE - Light the Yellow Candle on Monday Night, April 17, 2023

www.fjmc.org/content/yellow-candles-home

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and locally

# KEN LEVITT

Beth El Synagogue MOY

&

# BEN TROKENHEIM Beth El Synagogue YOY

Congratulations on your honor and thanks for all you do!

Rob Blitzer & Family



# Congratulations and Mazel Tov on this well-deserved honor

NNJR-FJMC Regional Man of the Year

# Michael Keats

Congregation B'nai Jeshurun

Man of the Year

# Jerome Grushkin

Joel and Sharon Brimmer



# בן עזאי: הוי רץ למפצוה קלה פרקי אבות ד:ב

Ben Azzai said: Run to perform even a minor mitzvah... Pirkei Avot 4:2

We congratulate Mike Keats, my fellow country boy, on being NNJR's Regional Man of the Year!



Mike, your tireless work on behalf of FJMC, NNJR and the Jewish people of Medinat haGan has not gone unnoticed.

Yasher Koach on being NNJR's Mensch Gadol!

- Eric and Fern Weis





## Temple Sholom is VERY proud to celebrate this year's

MAN OF THE YEAR



MICHAEL PAUL

YOUTH OF THE YEAR



HANNAH GOLUB

# AND OUR REGIONAL MAN OF THE YEAR MICHAEL KEATS



Thank you for everything you do to grow and sustain our community!

Mazel Tov to <u>all</u> the honorees!

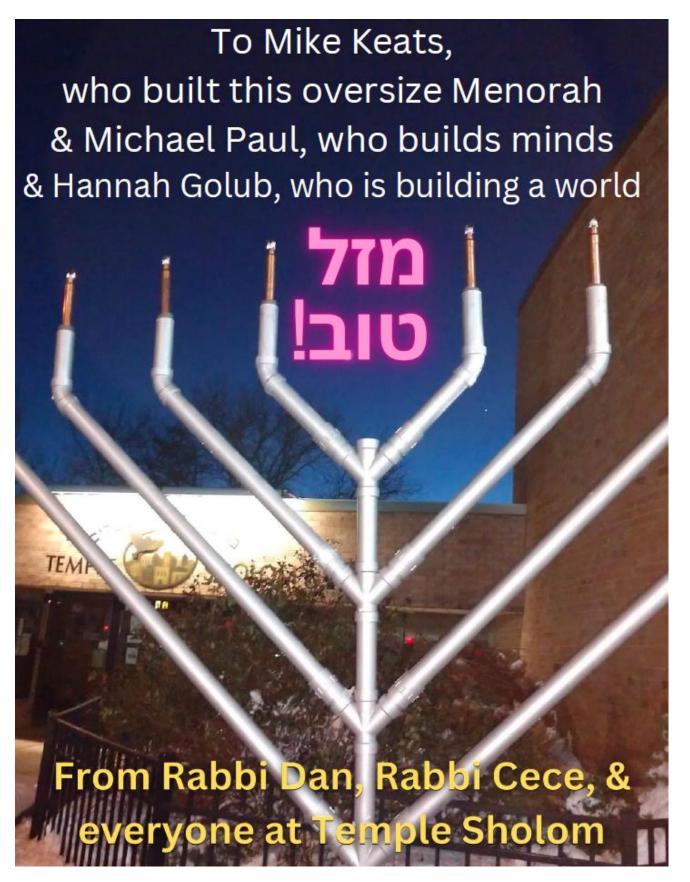
Temple Sholom
Bridgewater, NJ
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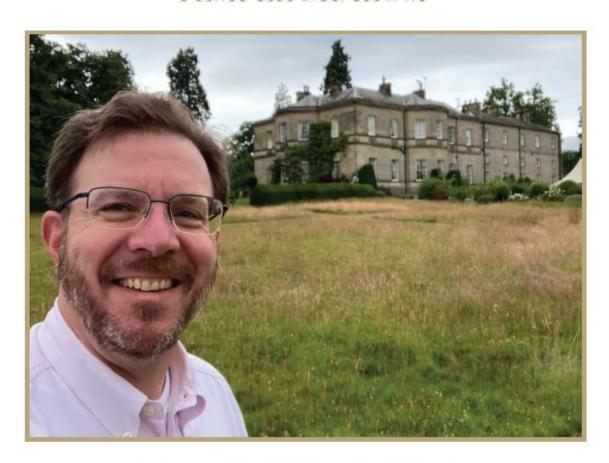








# REGION MAN OF THE YEAR TEMPLE SHALOM



# MICHAEL KEATS WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU MAZEL TOV!

LOTS OF LOVE, GEORGE, LAURA, NED AND HANNAH



# If you need something done, ask a busy person!

NNJR Region Man of the Year 
Mike Keats

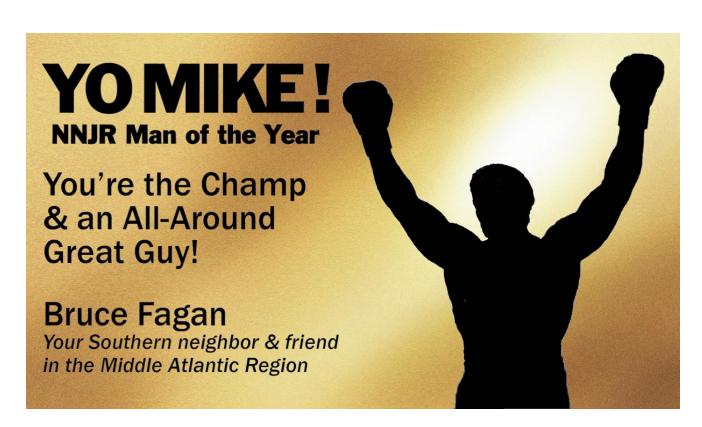
EBJC Men's Club Man of the Year 
David Libowsky

EBJC Youths of the Year - Macaria Pelofsky & Jessica Miner

Thanks to each of you for all you get done for the community!

Lois & Dave Mandell





Congratulations
Michael Paul
Temple Sholom Man of the Year 2022,
Hannah Golub
Temple Sholom Youth of the Year 2022,
Michael Keats
Regional Man of the Year 2022
Your honors are so well deserved.
Yasher Koach!
From
Linda and Allan Halperin









# Congrats to our Regional MOY Michael Keats!

A humble leader whose drive and innovation continuously propel the NNJR to new heights.

-David Millman

# **Northern Clubs of the Northern NJ Region:**

# **Honoree Biographies & Congratulations**

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Town	Synagogue	Man of the Year	Youth of the Year
Caldwell	Congregation Agudath Israel	Arthur Franklin	Maren Jacobs
Cranford	Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim	Bruce Solomon	Talia Farber Jacob Piatkowski
Fair Lawn	Fair Lawn Jewish Center	Robert Sokol	
Livingston	Temple Beth Shalom	Saul Leff	
Montville	Pine Brook Jewish Center	Seth Friedman	Zachary Friedman Ethan Kraut Matthew Reiss Jack Steckelman Amanda Stiller Rachel Thailer Hailey Zuckerman
Ridgewood	Temple Israel & JCC	James Goldfarb	Ethan Holden Jake Cohen
Scotch Plains	Congregation Beth Israel	Peter Fleischmann	Michael Liebermann Keira Baerson
South Orange	Congregation Beth El	Scott Horowitz	Leo Gold
Springfield	Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael	Brian Margulies	Jordyn Chait Will Margulies
Staten Island	Congregation B'Nai Jeshurun	Jerome Grushkin	
Wayne	Shomrei Torah, The Wayne Conservative Congregation	David Kleinstein	Robyn Frankel
West Orange	B'nai Shalom	Barry Lovett	Simone Caplan



# Congregation Agudath Israel (Caldwell)



**Arthur Franklin's** initial volunteering at the synagogue started in the 1970's. He served on the Board of Trustees and as Treasurer. It was not surprising since he followed his father (and mother) and grandfather (and grandmother) who were all active volunteers for the synagogue in their day.

Over the years he has served on shul renovation committees, many fund-raising committees, the Constituti on re-write committee, walked many Men's Club mischief night patrols, ushered for the Men's Club during the High Holydays, and called bingo numbers on Tuesday nights, among other activities. In 2005 he won the Men's Club first Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament and quickly retired from poker as this was just beginner's luck having never

played competitive poker until that tournament.

Recently he finished multiple decades as Board of Trustee Parliamentarian and continues to serve on the Board. In 1989 Arthur became secretary of the Agudath Israel Cemetery Association. He has been serving as its president since 2012.



Maren Jacobs is a senior at West Orange High School. Congregation Agudath Israel is her second home, as she spends most of her time there and has since birth. Maren attended the synagogue preschool and Hebrew school. Additionally, she participated in *chaverim*, *chalutzim*, *kadima*, and now USY. In fact, Maren is President of Caldwell USY for her second term. She even had the summer of her life on USY on Wheels Classic. At CAI, Maren works as a teen helper in the third and fourth grade classrooms on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. On Sunday, Maren teaches her own class of first graders. Outside of CAI, Maren spends her free time hanging out with friends and jamming out to music. Maren greatly appreciates this honor and thanks you!



# To the honorees of the 2022 Man/Youth of the Year:

# Arthur Franklin and the amazing Maren Jacobs Yasher Koach!

Thank you for your commitment to Congregation Agudath Israel and to our Jewish Community.

Jill and Harvey Tekel Erica, Glenn, Zachary and Zoe Lieberman



## THE MEN'S CLUB OF

# CONGREGATION AGUDATH ISRAEL CALDWELL, NJ

CONGRATULATES

ARTHUR FRANKLIN

OUR MAN OF THE YEAR!

# And MAREN JACOBS OUR YOUTH OF THE YEAR! MAZEL TOV







# Congregation Agudath Israel Cemetery Association

honors

# Arthur Franklin

as the

**Northern New Jersey Region** 

Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs

2022 Man of the Year



Only **one** of the following people has ever been selected "Youth of the Year" by the Northern New Jersey Region of FJMC:

- Taylor Swift
- Albert Einstein
- Matthew Sturniolo
- Maren Jacobs

# **Congratulations Maren!**

We are so proud of you!

Love,

Nana, PopPop, Aunt Elissa, Uncle Jason, and Ian



# Maren Beth,

We are so incredibly proud and in awe of you For whom you are and the generous acts you continue to do.

This honor is so meaningful and wonderful to see you get

What many here don't realize is they haven't seen anything yet.

You have been part of Judaic life and learning since the day you were born.

Always at Congregation Agudath Israel, even early in the morn.

You have grown up to become a young woman one cannot help but admire.

We know wherever life may lead you, you will achieve what you desire.

We are so incredibly proud & love you, Mom, Dad, Nate



# Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim (Cranford)



According to legend, **Bruce Solomon** was born and raised in Jersey City, where he played stickball on Belmont Avenue, frolicked in Lincoln Park and the Jewish Community Center and walked to *cheder* at the Talmud Torah. Bruce's life was transformed when The Beatles appeared on The Ed Sullivan Show and his family moved to Roselle, graduating from Abraham Clark High School in 1970. Bruce went off to college at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he quickly learned the difference between a "water fountain" and a "bubbler", between Budweiser and real beer, and between New Jersey and the rest of the known world, which led to his return to the Garden State to attend Rutgers Law School. Along the way, Bruce worked as an all-night disc jockey, co-authored 7 books, including a history of rock and roll with Dick Clark and rose to become the General Counsel of the New Jersey Institute of Technology. After spending 13 years at the

university, Bruce graduated to serve as a Deputy Attorney General for the State of New Jersey for the next 25 years. After the enactment of the Open Public Records Act (OPRA), he filled the role of Phantom of the OPRA for the Department of Law & Public Safety and public records guru for other State departments until he retired in 2018.

Moving to Cranford, Bruce and his wife, Rhondi reached the Promised Land of Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim more than 28 years ago. Their children, Ilana and Adam, both got their starts in the TBEMC Nursery School, grew up in the Temple, became teen leaders and made lifelong friends at TBEMC. Bruce was elected President of TBEMC in 2005 – his first Bat Mitzvah as Temple President was that of daughter Ilana on Labor Day weekend. Perfect together? Bruce coined the slogan "Warm Place, Cool Shul" for TBEMC and spent his three years as Temple President working to help inspire a sense of family, friendship and pride, working with arms of the Temple to fill its calendar with fun, multi-generational programs and events, and to create an atmosphere that would help our Temple live up to its new motto. After serving as President, Bruce continued to serve TBEMC – sending out weekly Coming Attractions until he ran out of puns, reimagining the Bulletin, hosting Sunday Night movies at the Temple and working on countless committees through the years.

When they were alone one afternoon, Bruce's mother, then in her eighties, remarked that serving as Temple President was the best thing he had ever done. Surprised and curious, Bruce asked her, "Why?" She told him that serving the Temple community ignited his passion, fired his imagination, gave his life added direction and deeper meaning, and despite aggravations along the way, his service deepened his humanity and gave him both a smile and an incandescent glow. Years later, in the midst of a pandemic, when the Temple called and asked him to push aside retirement and serve again, this time as Co-President, Bruce reflected on the words his mother spoke more than a decade before and once again answered the call to service.

Bruce is proud, deeply honored and humbled that TBEMC's Men's Club has named him their Man of the Year.



Talia Farber is currently a senior at Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield, NJ. She has been a member of Temple Beth-El/Mekor Chayim her whole life. Talia has been very active in the temple by spending much of her time over the high holidays helping to hold the Torah during Musaf. She has also participated every year bagging the Mishloach Manot for Purim. Talia has also, on several occasions, read *Ashrei* during services when asked to. She attended Religious School at TBEMC throughout her school years and concluded by celebrating her Bat Mitzvah with her TBEMC family.

Talia has been an active Jewish member in her community for years by visiting other temples in the area and attending Camp Yachad since Kindergarten. At the

local JCC she participated in the fall plays for four years.

At her high school, Talia participated on the varsity tennis team for all four years. She currently works at a Wegmans supermarket where she has been employed almost two years. Talia also volunteers at Children's Specialized Hospital where she helps in the Medical Records Department. She is beyond excited to further her education in college with hopes of becoming a nurse.

Talia would like to thank the TBEMC Men's Club for this honor in recognition of all her hard work and volunteerism throughout the years!



My name is **Jacob Piatkowski**, a 17 year old from Roselle Park, NJ. I am a madrich at the Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim, volunteering with Kitah Gimmel. I am also a performing arts student with a major in theatre at the Union County Vocational Technical Schools - Academy for Performing Arts. Now in my senior year of high school, I am taking classes in a senior year program at Kean University.



# **Bruce Solomon**

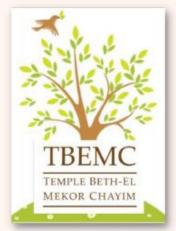
Man of the Year Honoree





May you go from strength to strength





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# Talia Farber Jacob Piatkowski

Youth of the Year Honorees



# The Men's Club of Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim Congratulates and Sends Best Wishes to Our Most Well Deserving Friend

# Bruce Solomon Man of the Year 2022/5783

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

Talia Farber Co-Youth of the Year Jacob Piatkowski Co-Youth of the Year

This is a well-deserved honor for all of you.

You are all truly an inspiration to us. Thank you for all that you have done. Mazel Tov!

Lance Kandl, Irwin Rappaport, Phil Stein, David Salomon, David Schwartz, Larry Posner, Craig Schwartz, Seth Farber, David Kupferberg, Dennis Berry



# Talia Farber

Temple Beth El Mekor Chayim Men's Club

Co-Youth of The Year

We are very proud of you!

Love,

Mom and Dad Grandma and Grandpa Aunt Melissa



# Fair Lawn Jewish Center (Fair Lawn)



**Bob Sokol** grew up in Fair Lawn NJ then went to college at University of Vermont, where he played varsity soccer. He earned an MBA from Rutgers and was President of the Rutgers Business Alumni Association. He also has an MSW from Yeshiva University. Bob sells health, life and disability insurance, but he wanted to give back and decided to get a Masters in Education from Montclair State University. After teaching middle school science for 17 years in Paterson, N.J., Bob retired from teaching this past June.

Bob married Ann Golick in 1992 and lived in Guttenberg, NJ. They moved to the Radburn section of Fair Lawn in 2001 and celebrated their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary this past October. They have 1 daughter, Sydney, who is 25 and

lives in New York city and is a CPA working for Deloitte.

They joined the Fair Lawn Jewish Center in 2003. Sydney attended Religious School at FLJC and celebrated her Bat Mitzvah there as well. Bob has been an active member on the board of the Men's Progress Club (MPC) – being secretary, VP Programming and was president of the Men's Progress Club for 2 years (mostly during Covid) from 2019-2021. During Bob's tenure, the organization continued to provide programs albeit on zoom. Bob continues to be an active member of the MPC board.

Bob and Ann enjoy bicycle riding walking, tennis and most recently pickleball. Bob is a Rutgers Football season ticket holder. They enjoy going out to dinner with friends. They also enjoy travel – where they have been to Iceland, China, Australia, Italy and Spain among other places. They will be spending the winter down in Delray Beach Florida.





In recognition of his dedication to our *shul* and his support of the Men's Progress Club, we honor our man of the year:

# **Robert Sokol**

The Board of the Men's Progress Club





# Temple Beth Shalom (Livingston)



**Saul Leff** is honored to have been selected as the Man of the Year by the Temple Beth Shalom (Livingston, NJ) chapter.

Saul has been a member of Temple Beth Shalom (TBS) since he and his wife Mimi (z"I) moved to Livingston in 2005. As soon as they officially joined TBS, Saul became an active member of the Men's Club. He has continued to be a dedicated and enthusiastic member for over 15 years.

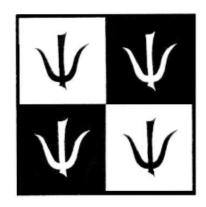
The list of Men's Club and TBS programs and events that Saul supports is lengthy. He enjoys Men's Club Talmud on Tap, Worldwide Wrap, Men's Club Shabbat, Scotch in the Sukkah, Men's Club membership meetings, the annual Labor Day Barbeque, and more. In addition, Saul is a 'regular' at morning and evening minyan, as well as weekly

Shabbat services. Saul is always ready to volunteer and lend a hand wherever it is needed. Over the years he has helped and continues to help in countless ways – by helping the Men's Club build the Temple Sukkah, delivering Shalach Manot baskets for Sisterhood, regularly volunteering in the Temple Office, visiting TBS members who are sick, planting flowers, and trees with the Landscape Committee, leading shiva minyans, ushering and gabbai-ing at services as part of the Ritual Committee and more. He is an unofficial greeter at the Temple, with a warm smile and a friendly hello for everyone.

Originally from Akron, Ohio, Saul grew up the son of a father who sold produce from a horse-drawn wagon and a mother who was a homemaker. Saul served in the Army and was stationed in Japan immediately after WWII. When he returned home, he attended Akron University where he was President of the AEPi fraternity. After he met and married the love of his life, he and Mimi spent many years living and raising their three children in Canarsie, Brooklyn before moving to Monsey, NY, and finally to Livingston, NJ. Saul spent his career in the food industry, first working for Waldbaum's and then spending over 25 years working for Wonder Bread. He and Mimi were married for 69 years and were most grateful for and devoted to their beautiful family, especially their grandchildren and great-grandchildren -- we can't tell you how many there are, because Mimi was superstitious about that, but many of them are here tonight.



# Sisterhood Temple Beth Shalom Livingston, NJ



**CONGRATULATES** 

2022 MEN'S CLUB

MAN OF THE YEAR

# **Saul Leff**

ON THIS WELL DESERVED HONOR



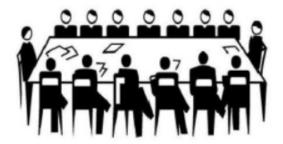


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# Saul Leff

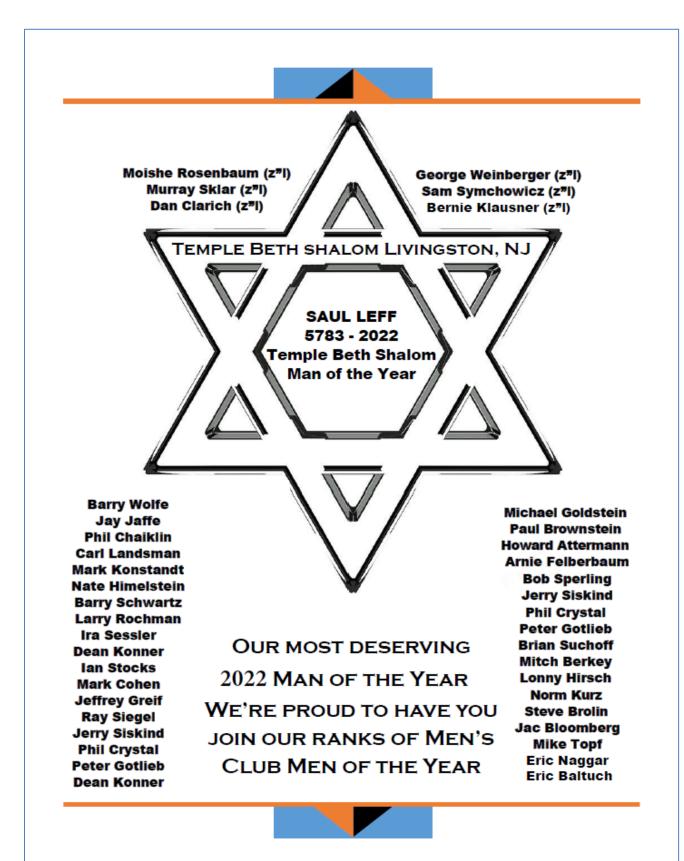
Our 2022 Man of the Year

Thank you for your years of service and dedication!



The Officers, Trustees and Members of Men's Club















# Saul Leff Temple Beth Shalom's Man of the Year



Lisa Mayer and Barry Schwartz Jay Jaffe Cheryl and Ira Sessler



#### Pine Brook Jewish Center (Montville)



**Seth Friedman** has been a proud member of the Pine Brook Jewish Center for over 15 years, and he has enjoyed serving the community in many capacities and leadership positions. He co-chaired the finance committee for several years and spent two years running the annual golf outing fundraiser event. He served on the executive board as Treasurer (for two separate terms), and financial secretary. He is currently serving as the First Vice President. He has also been an active member of men's club since he joined the synagogue.

Seth is a Managing Director at Abacus Finance Group, LLC and is a seasoned investment professional having served the private equity industry for over 25 years. He serves on the Board of Directors of Marketplace Events,

the largest home and garden show events business in the United States and Canada. He has been actively involved in the community through his children having been involved with the Montville Baseball and Softball Association, as well as coaching various recreational sports teams in Montville through the years.

Married to his wife Randi for 20 years, they reside in Montville with their children Zachary and Hannah. Both of Seth's kids attended PBJC's Early Childhood Center and Religious School, celebrated their B'Nai Mitzvot, and currently attend the B'Yachad Hebrew high program at PBJC. The synagogue has become a second home for Seth and his family and they could not be happier to be part of this wonderful and inclusive congregation. Seth is thankful to the community for the honor of being recognized as PBJC's Man of the Year.



<u>Back Row</u> (left to right): **Ethan Kraut, Zachary Friedman, Jack Steckelman, Matthew Reiss** Front Row (left to right): **Rachel Thailer, Hailey Zuckerman, Amanda Stiller** 



B'YACHAD, the Hebrew word for "together," is a fitting title for the Hebrew High School program at the Pine Brook Jewish Center. Our B'Yachad students learn to embrace Judaism and Jewish values as they relate to their lives, to their community, and to the world. Students meet twice a month where they bond, learn, share meals, and discuss a wide variety of topics in an atmosphere of acceptance and respect and with a commitment to open sharing without judgment. The students also enjoy special programs and trips together. The B'Yachad program at PBJC was created by our Educational Director, Mary Sheydwasser, fifteen years ago and it continues to thrive and inspire our students every year under her dedication and leadership.

PBJC is thrilled to honor our seven graduating 12th grade B'Yachad students as our Youths of the Year - Zachary Friedman, Ethan Kraut, Matthew Reiss, Jack Steckelman, Amanda Stiller, Rachel Thailer, and Hailey Zuckerman. Together they have been committed to B'Yachad, helping the program to continue to thrive even during the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition to their leadership in our Hebrew High program, Amanda, Hailey, Rachel, Zack, Ethan, and Matthew have been Madrichim for our Religious School, serving as assistant teachers in classes, tutoring students, and helping however needed. Ethan and Zack have read Torah during High Holy day services for the past five years, Hailey read High Holy Day Haftarah one year, and Amanda has assisted with High Holy Day Tot Shabbat services. Both Rachel and Amanda work in our Early Childhood Center Giggle Zone daycare and are recipients of the PBJC Sakolsky-Melzer Scholarship, for Amanda's work at Camp Deeny Riback in the summer and for Rachel's trip to Israel through NJY Camps. The students are also involved in the PBJC Community Outreach Committee (Zack is Treasurer), helping to collect items and serve meals to those in need.

The students excel academically and are members of the National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, French National Honor Society, and Tri-M Music National Honor Society. Matthew received a National Merit Scholarship Commendation. He also received Honorary Mention for Grand Concours, the National French Exam, when he placed 11th in the nation. Ethan was a National Finalist and two-time State finalist for FBLA. They are leaders in and members of many school activities, clubs and organizations including the High School newspaper (Ethan is Editor-in-Chief), Missy's Miracle (Zack is President), Key Club (Hailey is Senior Vice-President), French National Honor Society (Matthew is President), Robotics Club (Jack is an officer), FBLA (Ethan is an officer), Model UN (Ethan is an officer), Peers as Leaders, Drama Club, Science Olympiad, Chamber Choir, International Concerns Club, Computer Club, Make-A-Wish Club, and the Forensics Speech and Debate Club. They participate in sports including the Tennis Team (Zack and Ethan), Bowling Team (Amanda), Swim Team (Matthew), Cross Country Team (Jack), and the Track Team (Jack and Amanda). Matthew participated in the Columbia University Pre-college Summer Immersion Program and Hailey participated in the Tufts Mini Med School Summer Program.

Their community service contributions are many and the impact they have made is considerable. Zack, Ethan, Matthew, Amanda and Jack are mentors for Pathways for Exceptional Children, Rachel is an EMT Cadet and Hailey is a Junior Volunteer at Chilton Medical Center. Hailey has also volunteered with the REACH program. Ethan, Zack, Amanda, and Matthew have served as summer camp counselors while Rachel, Amanda, and Hailey have babysat for many local families.

All seven of these students began their journey at the Pine Brook Jewish Center in our Early Childhood Center, graduated from our Preschool, and became Bar and Bat Mitzvah here. It is with great pride that PBJC celebrates the many achievements of these fine young men and women who truly are wonderful role models for our community.





#### The Pine Brook Jewish Center and The PBJC Men's Club Congratulate

Our 2022-2023 "Man of the Year"

SETH FRIEDMAN

Our 2022-2023 "Youth of the Year"

2023 B'Yachad Graduating Class

Zachary Friedman \* Ethan Kraut

Matthew Reiss \* Jack Steckelman

Amanda Stiller \* Rachel Thailer

Hailey Zuckerman

We are thankful for all that you have done and we are truly honored that you are part of our PBJC family. Your commitment of service, time, and energy to the Pine Brook Jewish Center and to the community is an example for all. You lead us and inspire us. You are a source of pride to our faith and to our synagogue family. Thank you for your dedication to PBJC. May you go from strength to strength.



#### Dear Seth,

Doing well by doing good. Dad is smiling!!

You listened and acted upon those words.

We are so proud to be here celebrating your "Man of the Year" award honoring your accomplishments and contributions to the Pine Brook Jewish Center Community.

Love.

Mom. Randi. Zack. Hannah. Scott. Jessica. Madison. Josh. Abby





#### to the Pine Brook Jewish Center's

"Man of the Year"
SETH FRIEDMAN

and "Youths of the Year"

2023 B'Yachad Graduating Class

Zachary Friedman

Ethan Kraut

Matthew Reiss

Jack Steckelman

Amanda Stiller

Rachel Thailer

Hailey Zuckerman

We are so proud of you!
With love from the Friedman, Kraut,
Reiss, Steckelman, Stiller, Thailer,
and Zuckerman families.



#### **CONGRATULATIONS & YASHER KOACH**

#### PINE BROOK JEWISH CENTER'S

# MAN OF THE YEAR SETH FRIEDMAN

AND

YOUTHS OF THE YEAR

ZACHARY FRIEDMAN
ETHAN KRAUT
MATTHEW REISS
JACK STECKELMAN
AMANDA STILLER
RACHEL THAILER
HAILEY ZUCKERMAN

A WELL DESERVED HONOR FOR ALL

**NANCY & GARY DRILLINGS** 



#### Our Most Sincere Congratulations To:

#### Seth Friedman

PBJC 2022-2023 Man-of-the-Year

#### Welcome To Our Elite Group!

#### From The PBJC Man-of-the-Year Past Honorees:

Jonathan Cohen Glenn Fox Mickey Gilbert Mitchell Goldstein Steve Gothelf Rob Greenfield Gary Messinger Mary Kaufman Richard Kurland Jerry Oppenberg Mark Roffman Don Rosenthal Alan Rothberg Steve Sanders Charlie Stein Jeffrey Weiss **Barry Weinreb** Jack Wenarsky Evan Zuckerman



#### Dear Zack,

At a young age you learned the importance of giving of yourself for the benefit others.

Poppee is smiling!

We are honored to share this special evening honoring you as a "Youth of the Year" for your contributions to the Pine Brook Jewish Center Community.

Love,

Grammy, Uncle Scott, Jessica, Madison, Josh, Abby



#### Temple Israel & JCC (Ridgewood)



James Goldfarb is the President of Temple Israel & Jewish Community Center in Ridgewood. James and his wife Alyson Yashar have been Temple Israel members since 2004, when they moved to Bergen County from New York City. They were drawn to Temple Israel because of its warm, welcoming members, rich egalitarian tradition, beautiful music, and learned clergy. When he is not acting presidential, James is practicing law at a national law firm in New York and spending time with Alyson and their three high school age children — Andy (a freshman), Alex (a junior), and Lilly (a senior). James previously served as the Temple Vice President, Youth Chair, and Endowments Chair.





Ethan Holden has grown up in Temple Israel and JCC (TI) in Ridgewood where he probably knows more of the secret hiding places than anyone, with the possible exception of the Rabbi's sons, who have been his life-long friends. Ethan attended the Northern NJ Jewish Academy (NNJJA) Hebrew school at TI, and he was a member of the Torah Club. After his Bar Mitzvah, he returned to volunteer as a tutor at NNJJA. He attended the Bergen County High School of Jewish Studies for 4 years. For the past two years he has worked as a camp counselor at Camp Veritans in the summer and a children's ski instructor at Campgaw Mountain in the winter. Ethan is now a senior at Ridgewood High School, where he is captain of the RHS Varsity Alpine Ski Team, president of the Democrats Club,

an alto saxophone player in marching band, a math tutor, and is active in the Jewish Student Union and Scuba Club. Ethan is honored to join Temple Israel's earlier "YOY"s, who he has always looked up to.



Jake Cohen has served as a volunteer student teacher at the Northern New Jersey Jewish Academy (NNJJA) at Temple Israel for the past 4 years where he mentors 3rd-7th grade students through their Jewish education. Specifically, he assists the kids with their Tefillah and guides them on how to conduct services as they prepare for their bar/bat mitzvahs. In addition to his time volunteering at NNJA, Jake is actively involved with Everytown for Gun Safety, an organization focused on bringing awareness of gun violence, particularly among the youth, as a public health crisis. Next year Jake will be moving on to college where he intends to study both computer and environmental sciences, ultimately hoping to integrate these two fields to effect positive change in the world. A recent

accomplishment for Jake was passing the New Jersey State Seal of Biliteracy in Mandarin Chinese-Simplified, which requires proficiency in Mandarin interpersonal, interpretive, and presentational skills.

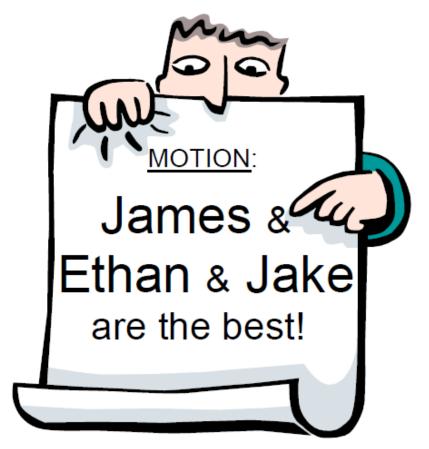


The Board of Trustees of Temple Israel & Jewish Community Center, Ridgewood, NJ, hereby resolves that:

#### James Goldfarb, Ethan Holden and Jake Cohen

are being honored as our **2022 MOY** and **YOYs** in recognition of their continuous work and devotion to our synagogue and community.

#### **CONGRATULATIONS!**



Motion PASSED unanimously by:

The Officers, Trustees and Committee Chairs



The Sisterhood of

# Temple Israel and ICC of Ridgewood

proudly salutes our



Man of the Year: James Goldfarb

Youths of the Year: Jake Cohen and Ethan Holden







### Men's Club Congratulations!!!



James Goldfarb



Our 2022 Man of the Year Brandeis Men's Club

Temple Israel, Ridgewood, NJ





All of us at RCBI join in wishing a hearty Yasher Koach to:

TIJCC President, **James Goldfarb** as Man of the Year, and

Ethan Holden and Jake Cohen as Youths of the Year

"May you continue your wonderful works for the Jewish community for many years to come"

**RCBI** 

475 Grove Street

Ridgewood, NJ 07450



#### How Do You Spell The Word *Mensch*

#### James Goldfarb

(OK that's two words)

Mazel Tov on this well deserved honor

And May You Go From Strength to Strength

Congratulations to

Ethan Holden and Jake Cohen

Temple Israel and JCC Youths of the Year

The Haber Family
Shari Manny Jake & Carly



#### Oh boy...What a moy!

Congratulations

#### James Goldfarb

Our friend, president and now our

MOY of the Brandeis Men's Club Temple Israel - Ridgewood



For all you do for Temple Israel, James, we are very appreciative!

Todah and mazel tov!

Tricia and Howard



From one MOY

To two YOYs:

# **Mazel Tov**

and thank you for your many contributions to the Temple Israel community.

James Goldfarb

President



#### Congratulations To:

James Goldfarb – MoY Ethan Holden – YoY Jake Cohen – YoY

On their great Year!

Regards, David Weiss





The world stands on three pillars: Torah, worship and acts of loving kindness (gemilut hasidim)
- (Pirke Avot 1:2)

Mazal Tov to James Goldfarb, my Boston buddy, for his many years of dedication and service to Temple Israel and the Ridgewood Jewish community

#### YASHAR KOACH!

- Eric Weis

#### Congratulations to:

#### James, Ethan and Jake

Thank you for all you do for the Temple Israel and JCC Ridgewood community.

Linda Schenker Davis



#### BMC Congratulates the

Temple Israel 2022 Youths of the Year

Ethan Holden

**Jake Cohen** 







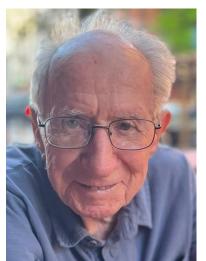
#### Mazel Tov to our YOY Ethan!

We are so incredibly proud of you and who you are growing up to be!

All our Love, Mom, Dad, and Aaron



#### Congregation Beth Israel (Scotch Plains)



Peter Fleischmann: born January 31, 1927 in Jablonec, Bohemia, Czechoslovakia. Emigrated to United States at age 14 (with parents and older brother Henry) June 11, 1941. Lived in Forest Hills, Queens; attended Forest Hills High School. Served 18 month in U.S. Army Air Corps. Earned B.S. in Journalism at University of Illinois. Married Bernice June 25, 1950. Sons Marc and Stuart, daughter Robin. Seven grandchildren. In 1950's worked in radio and television. Operated advertising agency until 1978, sold printing until retirement in 1994. Since then performs volunteer mentoring to start-up and operating businesses through the U.S. Small Business Administration and U.S. Department of Commerce. Provides Holocaust education through the Jewish Federation MetroWest on a one-to-one

basis to bat and bar mitzvah youngsters as well as presentations to primary, middle and high school students. Member of CBI since 1965.



Michael Liebermann is a Senior at Westfield High School in Westfield, New Jersey. He is the Co-President of Westfield High School's Jewish Culture & Development Club, a member of the National Honor Society, and Editor-in-Chief of the high school's sports journalism website, Hi's Eye Sports, which he also created. Michael is also a three-year Varsity athlete and goalkeeper for the Westfield High School Soccer Team. During his high school summers, Michael attended Ramah Sports Academy, which combined his love of sports and Judaism. Michael works as a Madrich at Congregation Beth Israel's Religious School and participates in CBI's high holidays both as a Torah reader and Shofar blower.





When **Keira Baerson** first learned that she will be a recipient of the Youth of the Year award, she was shocked, excited and thrilled by the honor.

Keira has played an active role in the Scotch Plains Jewish community for years and this has been something that she has been incredibly proud of throughout her youth and adolescence.

Keira has been involved with the JCC and Congregation Beth Israel since she and her family first arrived in Scotch Plains 12 years ago. The JCC quickly became her home away from home and she built a community of friends that would be with her from kindergarten all the way through high school today. She attended school at the JCC during the year and camp at Yachad during the summers.

The synagogue also became an important part of her day to day. Keira attended religious school throughout elementary and middle school. Here she has learned the fundamentals of Jewish living and also became a bat mitzvah at the Temple. She was also fortunate to just beat the pandemic lock down in the summer prior to the Covid outbreak, Keira and her family celebrated her bat mitzvah in Israel, which started her great love for the country.

Keira's involvement in Jewish life in Scotch Plains continued well beyond her bat mitzvah. She still participates in *darchone* today and remains in close connection with her religious school friends. Additionally, over the past few years, she has been working at both the synagogue and JCC, in aftercare, summer camp and the CBI madrichim program, where she aids children with special needs. She very much enjoys working with children and is now in the process of exploring child psychology as a potential area of interest when she attends college in a year a half.

Keira had the chance this past summer to once again revisit Israel on a USY summer program. She loves the country, the customs and the people of Israel and has promised that she will return during or after college, potentially even permanently.

Judaism plays a very important role in Keira's every day. Keira has been incredibly fortunate to have all of the opportunities to build her involvement in the Jewish community of Scotch Plains throughout her youth and is so grateful for all that this community has had to offer. She has an incredibly strong foundation of Jewish culture and traditions and will no doubt continue to carry on these traditions in her future ahead.

Kiera is thankful for this important honor.



The Men's Club at Congregation Beth Israel Salutes

#### Peter Fleischmann Man of the Year





Michael Liebermann Keira Baerson Youths of the Year

Thank you for your tremendous accomplishments in support of the Jewish community.

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# Peter Fleischmann

Always the Man of the Year in our Family

Congratulations!

Stuart, Esther, Matthew, Ronnie, Michael & Jenna

Robin, Mark, Elizabeth & Zachary



Keira,

You are constantly amazing us with all that you do and all that you accomplish.

We are so very proud of you!

Mazel tov on this accomplishment and all of the honors ahead. We love you so much!

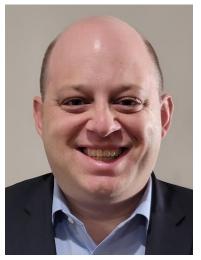
Mom, Dad, Greg and your Grandparents







#### Congregation Beth El (South Orange)



Scott Horowitz is the immediate past president of Congregation Beth El's Men's Club, having served in the position for the last five years. Scott is a second-generation Men's Club member, Men's Club President, and now Man of the Year, following in his late father's footsteps. Upon joining the congregation in 2014, he immediately attended a Men's Club reorganizing meeting, and was named Vice President on the spot. During his tenure in Men's Club leadership, the club was revitalized, highlighted by Beth El obtaining an FJMC Quality Club award in 2020. Scott is currently a member of the Beth El Security committee and informal IT consultant.

During the day, Scott is a senior software specialist for The American Club, a maritime insurance agency in New York

City. He was brought in to design a new insurance system for the organization from the ground up, replacing an 18-year-old legacy software system. He is also a founding member and IT director of a local diversity group, the Springfield Unity Project. While not an avid golfer, Scott is proud to say he's the best golfer of his immediate friendship circle. He is a die-hard New York Yankees, New York Giants, and Penn State Nittany Lions fan. Scott collects comic books and Funko Pop dolls; loves Star Trek, Star Wars and Kevin Smith movies; and recently completed his 900th Peloton ride!

Scott originally hails from Port Jeff Station, New York (out east on Long Island), and now lives in Springfield with his wife of 13 years, Marissa, and two year-old bernedoodle, Bernadette Leia.



Leo Gold lives in South Orange and is a senior at Columbia High School in Maplewood. He has spent his summers at Camp Ramah in the Berkshires since he was six years old, and last summer attended the Ramah Seminar program in Israel. He has long participated in Congregation Beth El's social and educational teen programming, highlighted by a 2021 Civil Rights trip to Georgia and Alabama. He is interested in environmental science and history and enjoys playing ultimate frisbee, going hiking and camping.

Mazal Tov, Youth of the Year Leo Gold and Man of the Year Scott Horowitz!

Thank you for strengthening the Beth El community and leading the way for others to follow.

 Rabbi Olitzky, Rabbi Marder and the Beth El Board of Trustees

# Congregation Beth El

Preserving Tradition...Embracing Change

The Men's Club of Congregation Beth El of South Orange, N.J., is proud to celebrate this year's honorees!

#### SCOTT HOROWITZ



Man of the Year

#### LEO GOLD



Youth of the Year

Thank you for all you have done — and will continue to do — for our community!





#### Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael (Springfield)



Brian Margulies is honored to be chosen by the Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael's Men's Club as Man of the Year. Brian is beginning his second year as president of Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael (TBAY) in Springfield. During his time as president, Brian has worked closely with the Board, and its new Rabbi Adrienne Rubin and Executive Director Harvey Brenner, to help the congregation emerge from COVID and begin many new exciting programs and opportunities to engage all facets of the greater Springfield community. TBAY currently has an Early Childhood Program led by Sandi Newman that has a waiting list, a growing Religious School led by Ann Kanarek, and many exciting activities, including a concert that featured the renowned a capella group, Six13, a trip to Israel scheduled for late 2023 and

Zoom and video capabilities to help provide in-person and remote services to help reach the greater community.

Prior to serving as president of TBAY, Brian and his wife Ellyn were active in Jewish Federation of Central NJ's (now part of Metrowest) Young Leadership program, chaired Federation's annual Super Sunday phone-a-thon and later served on the board of the Jewish Community Center in Scotch Plains. Brian and Ellyn have 3 lovely children, Alanna (22), Charlie (19) and William (17), and have travelled with them several times to Israel.

Brian is a life-long New Jersey resident, having grown up in Clark attending Temple Beth O'r, where both of his parents served as president. He moved away for college, graduate school and during his early work career, before he and Ellyn moved back to Springfield in 1998. The family currently lives in Watchung, NJ.

In his professional life, Brian serves as President of P&R Fasteners, Inc., a familyowned business headquartered in Somerset, NJ, that serves as a contract manufacturer of custom metal components to original-equipment-manufacturers in the automotive and consumer products industries.

Brian is honored to be chosen for this award and is grateful for the TBAY Men's Club which offers so much to the temple community.





Jordyn Chait has been involved in synagogue life at Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael since she was 2. She began with the Early Childhood program, entered Hebrew school, and graduated from the religious school after becoming a bat mitzvah. Completing her formal religious education, she continues her studies by taking part in TBAY's Teen Institute, as well as volunteering as a Madrichim (classroom aid) at the temple's Hebrew school. Jordyn is currently a senior at Jonathan Dayton High School, where she partakes in many activities throughout the school. She is part of the Girls' Varsity Tennis team, where she was elected the role of team captain for this current season. She performs with the Jonathan Dayton Chorale, as well as being active in the school's theater department by

participating in the fall drama and spring musical. Jordyn is also a member of the National Honors Society. Coming next fall she is looking to continue her education by pursuing a major in arts and entertainment management, combining her love for theater with her interest in the field of business. She is grateful to have been chosen for the Youth of the Year award and wishes to thank the Men's Club at TBAY for selecting her for this honor.



William Margulies is a senior at Watchung Hills Regional High School in Warren. He is honored to have been chosen as Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael's (Springfield) Men's Club Youth of the Year along with his good friend, Jordyn Chait. Will has been an active member of Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael (TBAY), completing religious school and becoming a Bar Mitzvah in 2018, and then continuing as part of the temple's Madrichim and Teen Institute programs. As a Madrich, Will enjoyed his time assisting in the classroom, and volunteered over the summer to help the office staff in their preparation of the roll-out of the new Shulcloud system. Will also has been a regular High Holy Day Torah reader, chanting the Yom Kippur Maftir parsha the past 2 years. Will spent two summers at Camp Micah, a Jewish

summer camp in Maine, and has visited Israel twice.

Will is a nationally-ranked competitive Sabre Fencer, who has served as captain of his High School team for the past 2 years. As a freshman, he was a member of the Sabre Team that won the State Championship and was selected as First Team All-State during his junior year. Will also is president of the Watchung Hills Model United Nations club and a member of the National Honor Society. In his spare time, he enjoys running cross-country track, and computer coding, where he placed 3rd in the HackMCST hackathon.

Will would like to thank the TBAY Men's Club for selecting him for this great honor.





To Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael Honorees:

Man of the Year: Brian Margulies

Youths of the Year: William Margulies and

Jordyn Chait

Congratulations to all!

The Margulies Family



## Sax LLP

is proud to support

# **Temple Beth** Ahm Yisreal

and congratulate tonight's honorees.



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# In every generation we must teach our children so our heritage will endure.

The Stock Family
The Rosen Family
Ben & Sue Margulies



## TEMPLE BETH AHM YISRAEL MEN'S CLUB



would like to congratulate

Brian Margulies

Man of the Year

Jordyn Chait

Youth of the Year Will
Margulies
Youth of the

Year

Thank you for all your conscientious work, selfless dedication, and unending service that help make TBAY a thriving community!

2022 / 5783





Brian, Will, and Jordyn,

Mazal Tov! We are so pleased to celebrate this wonderful recognition event with all of you as our most-deserving honorees.

#### Brian,

Your amazing, sustained efforts, total dedication and continuing commitment, numerous meaningful accomplishments, remarkable service, and critical, thoughtful leadership are apparent to all. You are truly a devoted, talented, and overall outstanding guardian who is always striving to secure a healthy future for our sacred community.

Jordyn and Will, In the tradition of L'Dor VaDor, you both exemplify the core values, energetic engagement, leadership, dedication, and support of your families for the Jewish Community. Congratulations for this very well-deserved recognition.

TBAY is fortunate to benefit so greatly from all your contributions - Yasher Koach!

With our sincere appreciation and admiration, Jackie & Andy Schuyler



## מזל טוב!! כול הכבוד!!



# BRIAN MARGULIES MAN OF THE YEAR JORDYN CHAIT MAILL BAARCIII IES

#### YOUTH OF THE YEAR

Who is wise?
One who learns from every person...

Who is strong?
One who overpowers one's inclinations...

Who is rich? One who rejoices in one's lot...

Who is one who should be honored? One who honors one's fellow human beings.

- Ben Zoma, Pirkei Avot 4:1

Brian and Jordyn and Will,
thank you for your leadership, commitment and dedication
to the Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael community.
Whether it is chairing our COVID Response Team and then serving as our
President, teaching our religious school students, managing our Instagram
account or chanting Torah at High Holy Days, your volunteerism and hard
work inspire us all. Todah rabah! Mazal Tov! Kol haKavod!
--- Rabbi Adrienne Rubin



# **Celebrating Our Stars**



With our admiration and appreciation.

David & Lisa Glass & family







And wishing a hearty mazel tov to

# Regional Man of the Year Mike Keats



# מזלטוב To Brian Margulies, Man of the Year Jordyn Chait & Will Margulies

FJMC – Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael, Springfield, NJ Man of the Year Honoree 5783

Rabbi Mark & Genya Mallach rabbimallach@gmail.com





MAN OF THE YEAR

BRIAN MARGULIES

YOUTH OF THE YEAR

JORDYN CHAIT

WILL MARGULIES

WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!



WOMEN'S LEAGUE TEMPLE BETH AHM
YISRAEL



## Mazel Tov To

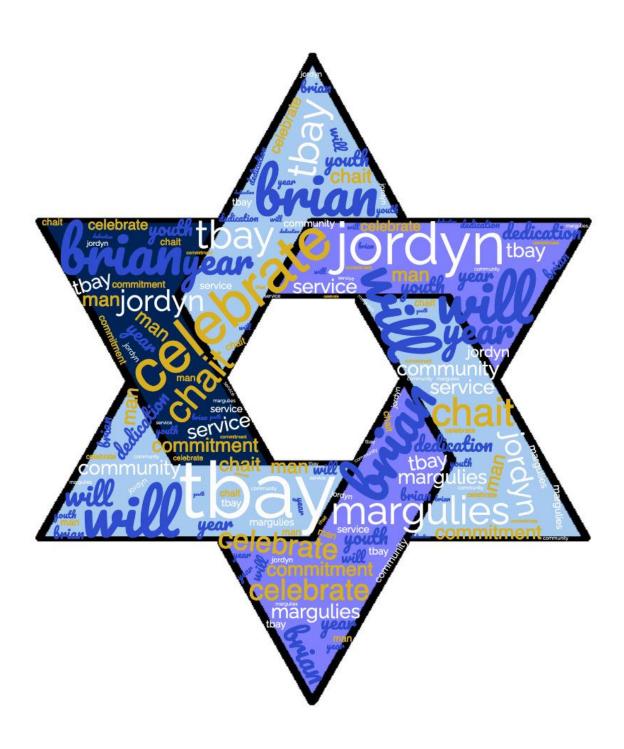
Brian Margulies, Man of the Year Jordyn Chait, Youth of the Year Will Margulies, Youth of the Year



Thank you for all that you do for our Temple and our community.

Debbie and Steve Nadel







A most deserving honor is being awarded to you.

Our best wishes for continued success in all that you do.

Esther Avnet And Norton Scherzer



## Mazel Tov Jordyn Chait TBAY's Youth of the Year We are so proud of you!



Love, Mom, Katie & John, Grandma, and Aunt Hene & Stu



We Salute Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael Honorees

Brian Margulies
TBAY Men's Club Man of the Year

Jordyn Chait
Will Margulies
TBAY Men's Club Youths of the Year

On This Well-Deserved Recognition Congratulations!

Lois & Stan Kaish

To TBAY's own **Brian Margulies**, **Will Margulies** and **Jordyn Chait**-

Mazal Tov. We thank you. We are proud of you.

David, Lesley, Lexie, Noam and Talya Brooks



Congratulations To
Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael's
Man of the Year – Brian Margulies
And
Youths of the Year – Jordyn Chait and
Will Margulies!

Mazel Tov!
Ilene and Peter Shewitz

# Congratulations To All the Well-deserved Award Recipients!

Peter Schvarcz



#### Congregation B'Nai Jeshurun (Staten Island, NY)



Jerry Grushkin was born to a family of modest means and raised in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. He worked his way through the New York City public school system and the City College of New York where he earned both Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Architecture degrees. At Pratt Institute, he earned his Master's degree in Urban Planning. Shortly before graduating City College he met his future wife, Esther, whom he married in 1966.

Jerry and Esther had three sons: Orren, Ailon and Danny. Orren and his wife, Trish, have two daughters: Alexandra, 18 years of age and Charlotte, 15 years of age. In January 2017, Ailon and his wife Jennifer welcomed their daughter, Alexie. Sadly, after nearly fifty years of marriage, Esther passed away in October 2015.

In 1970, Jerome L. Grushkin Architects, AIA, was launched. In the course of his lengthy career, Jerry was also a builder and interior designer so his projects could benefit from all facets of his expertise. Over the years, Jerry achieved leadership positions in many professional organizations. He was president of the Staten Island Chapter of the American Institute of Architects and a delegate to the American Institute of Architects' convention for several consecutive years. He was a member of the New York City Homebuilders' Association and treasurer of the Council of Architects, Engineers and Surveyors of Greater New York, Inc.

Jerry received many awards for excellence and achievement for craftsmanship and natural beauty for his building designs from the Staten Island Chamber of Commerce. He has had media coverage in the New York Times, NJ Star Ledger, SI Advance and other publications pertaining to various projects in the metro area. Always a believer in community service, Jerry was awarded the B'nai B'rith Torch of Liberty Award for Contribution to the Community and Mankind, Leadership Award from UJA-Federation of N.Y. and the Star of David Spirit of Judaism Award from the SIJCC. His past community services included: president of B'nai B'rith; Chairman of the Construction Committee of the Staten Island Zoological Society and Board member for over 25 years; and 2nd Vice-Chairperson for the Staten Island Museum of Arts and Sciences. He is currently the Treasurer of the Staten Island Archaeology Society; Administrative VP of Congregation B'nai Jeshurun; and a member of Building Bridges Coalition of Staten Island, an interfaith organization dedicated to fostering understanding and acceptance of the practices, values and tenets of the many religious groups in the borough. He is also on the Board of The Staten Island Jewish Community Center where he is Committee Chairmen of The Dr. Esther Center for Arts + Culture dedicated to the memory of his late wife.

Jerry enjoys reading, gardening, traveling, museums and attending lectures, movies and the theater. He is also an active tennis and pickle ball player. As an avid amateur photographer, he has won many awards from the Staten Island Photography Society. As an artist, Jerry explores the use of various media such as pencil and ink drawing and oil, watercolor and acrylic painting. For the past thirty years, Congregation B'nai Jeshurun has been an integral part of his life where he attends services every Saturday morning.



# Mazel Tov to our dear friend Jerry Grushkin!

# Your work makes our community a better place!



Joan & Alan Bernikow Jewish Community Center of Staten Island

Susan Sappin President, Board of Directors Orit Lender Chief Executive Officer



"Leaders don't force people to follow, they invite them on a journey" Charles S. Lauer

# Congratulations

To All

The honorees for everything you accomplished to make our Jewish Community stronger. Thank you for your inspiration and dedication.

You make us so proud Yasher Koach

Gerry Grushkin

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Stephanie Mizrahi



# Congratulations

to our friend

# Jerome Gushkin

On a well-deserved honor

Randí & Jack Stern



#### Yasher Koach and Mazel Tov

# Jerome Grushkin CBJ's Man of the Year

We are inspired by your commitment and service to Congregation B'nai Jeshurun as a member of the Executive Board.

Your dedication to the <u>Dr. Esther Grushkin</u>

<u>Arts & Culture Center</u> at the JCC and your

efforts on behalf of the Interfaith
community through the <u>Building Bridges</u>

<u>Program</u> are an inspiration to all of us

**CBJ Board of Trustees** 



# Congratulations and Mazel Tov on this well-deserved honor

NNJR-FJMC Regional Man of the Year

## Michael Keats

Congregation B'nai Jeshurun

Man of the Year

## Jerome Grushkin

Joel and Sharon Brimmer



### Mazel Tov and Yasher Koach

# Jerome Grushkin

For your years of service, commitment and dedication to Congregation B'nai Jeshurun and the Staten Island Jewish Community

Men's Club of CBJ



# Congratulations

# Jerry!

A well-deserved honor!

Shelly Blackman



# JERRY GRUSHKIN

We honor your leadership and commitment to the future of CBJ

Susan and Jack Bender



# Congratulations to

# **Jerry Grushkin**

## Our Man of the Year

And many thanks for all his years of dedication and devotion to our membership and our Shul

Congregation B'Nai Jeshurun

Richard and Laurie Steinbruck



# YASHER KOACH to JERRY GRUSHKIN

For all you have done and continue to do for **Congregation B'nai Jeshurun** and the greater Jewish community of Staten Island

David and Sylvia Friedman

## **JERRY GRUSHKIN**

#### Congregation B'Nai Jeshurun

Thank you, Jerry, for the many volunteer hours you have given to CBJ.

You are a treasure!

With much appreciation, **Ruth Greenwald** 



# Shomrei Torah, The Wayne Conservative Congregation (Wayne)

David Kleinstein: I would like to express my genuine gratitude for the honor of being named Man of the Year. I have had a love for electronics from a very young age, when I would take my toys apart to see how they worked. As I got a bit older, I discovered a love for audio/video and TV production. When I was in high school in Paramus, I ran the school's weekly cable access TV show. After graduation, I attended the School of Visual Arts for Cinematography. Post-college, I did special effects for TV and movie production, and have been in the NY/NJ union for 22 years. While working in the motion picture industry, I took the test to become a career firefighter and have been a Hackensack Firefighter for over 21 years.

Recently I embarked on a new business venture creating LED video walls, which has led me everywhere from China to Disneyland, where we developed our own Flexible LED panel for use in their new parades.

I am blessed to have an amazing family that not only supports me but makes me so proud to see their own accomplishments. My wife, Smadar, whom many of you have known most of her life, is the most caring Physician's Assistant (PA) and the best mother. Our daughter, Leah, who is self-motivated in her studies as well as her love for dance. Our son, Eli, is full of life and love. I'm not sure there is anything better than watching him follow me in my love for playing hockey. I am profoundly blessed and lucky to have them in my life.

I joined Shomrei Torah when I moved to Wayne with Smadar. She had grown up at Shomrei Torah with her parents, Tova and Zev Friede and her siblings. For myself, coming from a Conservative Jewish upbringing in Paramus, I could not feel more at home at Shomrei Torah. Not only did Rabbi Mark marry Smadar and I, but he also officiated at Leah's baby naming and Eli's bris. The feeling of community I have at Shomrei Torah is beyond words.





Robyn Frankel is active at Shomrei Torah volunteering as a teacher's assistant for the Hebrew School, actively participating in Project Aviva (a social/educational program), and as a High Holiday Torah reader as well as a student in Hebrew High. Outside of temple, she is involved in theatre, dance, and softball as well as Tri-M (Musical Honor Society), and National Honor Society. Robyn is a senior at Wayne Valley High School.



# We acknowledge, appreciate and thank our

**MOY and YOY** 

David Kleinstein

&

Robyn Frankel

for their time, effort & expertise devoted to our Shomrei Torah family.

Men's Club & Sisterhood of Shomrei Torah Wayne, NJ





# The Board of Trustees of Shomrei Torah Wayne Conservative Congregation

are very thankful that

### **DAVID KLEINSTEIN**

and

#### ROBYN FRANKEL

are members of our community!

Congratulations to our **Man of the Year** and **Youth of the Year** on these well-deserved honors!!!!



#### מי שברך אבותינו.... הוא יברך את כל העוסקים בצרכי צבור באמונה

# God bless all those who are involved in the needs of the community with goodness.

Yasher Koach to

#### David Kleinstein Shomrei Torah's Man of the Year

#### Robyn Frankel Shomrei Torah's Youth of the year

David, you are involved in every aspect of the needs of the community. Your technical skills enabled us to maintain our community through the past few years and we are grateful, Todah!

Robyn, as a student and madricha and your involvement in Project Aviva you are a role model to the younger students.

Mazal tov to both of you! With much appreciation,

**Rabbi Randy and Dassy Mark** 



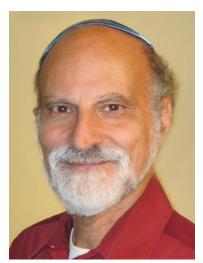
A good cigar: \$25
A bottle of fine wine: \$100
A quality set of golf clubs: \$1,000
David Kleinstein: Priceless

We congratulate David, Shomrei Torah's Man of the Year

- Eric & Fern Weis



#### B'nai Shalom (West Orange)



**Barry Lovett** is honored to be 2022 Men's Club Man of the Year for B'nai Shalom of West Orange, and thanks the committee members for choosing him.

Barry grew up in the northwest Bronx. He attended and was bar mitzvahed at Temple of the Covenant, which was a short subway ride from where he lived. After graduating from Bronx High School of Science, he earned his Bachelor of Science in physics from Cooper Union, and then his Doctor of Philosophy in elementary particle physics from Yale University.

Barry has been actively involved in synagogue and Men's Club activities. He has been Treasurer of the Men's club for the last five years. He also delivers Yellow Candles to

congregants. Barry, although not a member, has occasionally participated in the Sisterhood Book Club.

Barry met his wife, Tova, at a Jewish singles event at Grossinger's Catskill Resort Hotel when they bumped into each other on their way to separate activities. That bump eventually led to marriage, and later to a son, Adam, while Tova was earning her Doctor of Philosophy in biology/biochemistry. A daughter, Ariela, followed three years later. Tova, who was born in Haifa and is the daughter of the late Rabbi Max Rothschild and Ilse Rothschild (Holocaust survivors), had a strong influence on Barry's learning about Judaism and developing love for Israel. Both children attended Solomon Schechter Day School. The family joined B'nai Shalom in 1998 when Adam began formal study for his bar mitzvah.

Barry worked at Grumman Aerospace on Long Island for a couple of years after graduate school. However, most of his career was spent at BAE Systems in Wayne, NJ, where he now works half time as a systems/software engineer on communication and navigation systems for the military.

Barry and Tova very much enjoy travelling. They recently took a grand tour of Italy. Last year they took a 46-day cross-country road trip, which included visits to historic sights, national parks and assorted relatives. Barry also enjoys reading, solving the daily New York Times Wordle, trying to solve the Sunday New York Times crossword puzzle, and watching tennis. He also watches news programs, although that is not something that he has been enjoying.

Barry and Tova get together with their two young granddaughters, Helaina and Ilyse, who live locally, every week.





**Simone Caplan** is 16 years old and a proud member of the B'nai Shalom community. Simone and her family became members in 2014. Her roots at B'nai Shalom trace back over 45 years through her maternal grandparents.

Simone was born in London, England, and moved to Zurich, Switzerland, when she was one and half years old. She moved to Essex Fells, NJ, when she was eight years old. She started third grade and began attending Hebrew school at B'nai Shalom. Simone became a bat mitzvah in the same sanctuary where her mother was bat mitzvahed. Simone led her bat mitzvah service from Shacharit through Musaf. Her davening caught the attention of the Sisterhood. Every year since her bat mitzvah, Simone has been asked to lead Shacharit and the Torah service (and

sometimes Musaf) for their Sisterhood Shabbat. Simone is an Ozra (a helper) in the B'nai Shalom Hebrew School. Simone was a member of Kadima and currently belongs to USY.

Simone has attended Camp Micah in Bridgton, Maine, for 8 years. As a camper, Simone was the recipient of the Kavod award for "being a person of integrity, and honor, and exemplifying the best in the community." She spent this past summer with Camp Micah in Poland and Israel. The trip visited Auschwitz, Treblinka, and Birkenau and toured Israel. In Israel she spent 34 hours of community service with Jewish charities. At camp, Simone participated in a charity called the World of Change which inspires youth to be change-makers by collecting spare change and donating it to local charities. She is excited to bring the World of Change to the Essex Fells Elementary School.

Simone is a junior at West Essex Regional High School. She was inducted into the National Junior Honor Society and the Spanish Honor Society. She is involved in the Key Club, the Multi-Cultural Club, Women's Empowerment Club, and the We Care Club. This will be her third year on the varsity swim team. She played on the tennis team for two years. Outside of school, Simone is ranked 13th nationally in the U18 American Platform Tennis Association. She also is a junior member of the Essex Fells Fire Department.

Simone has an older brother, Jeremy (a past recipient of the Youth of the Year award), and a younger sister, Marley. Some would say her favorite sibling is her pet sheepadoodle, Mazzie.

Simone is honored to be named B'nai Shalom's Men's Club Youth of the Year.



## West Orange B'nai Shalom

Executive Committee, Board of Trustees, Men's Club and Sisterhood extend a hearty

# Yasher Koach

to our

2022 Man of the Year Honoree

# **Barry Lovett**

and to our

2022 Youth of the Year Honoree Simone Caplan

### **Southern Clubs of the Northern NJ Region**

### **Honoree Biographies & Congratulations**

Town	Synagogue	Man of the Year	Youth of the Year
Aberdeen	Temple Beth Ahm	Howard Schornstein	Max Butkovic Corey Shanin
Bridgewater	Temple Sholom	Michael Paul	Hannah Golub
Clark	Temple Beth O'r Beth Torah	Jonathan Phillips	
East Brunswick	East Brunswick Jewish Center	David Libowsky	Macaria Pelofsky Jessica Miner
East Windsor	Beth El Synagogue	Ken Levitt	Ben Trokenheim
Highland Park	Highland Park Conservative Temple - Congregation Anshe Emeth	Sheldon Freidenreich	Sammy Reed- Schwartz Shayna Goldwasser
Marlboro	Marlboro Jewish Center - Congregation Ohev Shalom	Allen Basis	Ben Bodner
Metuchen	Neve Shalom	Marc Sessler	Patrick McAuley Sabrina Howitt
North Brunswick	Congregation B'nai Tikvah	Larry Cohen	Rafi Rockman
Oakhurst	Congregation Torat El	Gregg Taffet	Coby Fields
Somerset	Temple Beth El	Gregg Foster	
Toms River	Congregation B'nai Israel	Michael Collins	Brandon Dean Jordyn Touitou



#### Temple Beth Ahm (Aberdeen)



**Howard G. Schornstein** lives in Manalapan with his wife Iris. Howard has earned an MBA/JD and is a Program Director for NextGen Healthcare and a member of the NJ Bar. He is also a certified information system auditor, a certified scrum master and a certified project management professional.

His wife is a cardiologist with a practice in Freehold NJ. Together they have two children, Sarah is a graduate of George Washington University and is now a graduate student in Public Diplomacy at USC LA and Benjamin is an undergraduate at Brown University – majoring in Neural-engineering and computer science. His interests are in brain computer interface and neurotechnolgy.

Howard was a founding member of the current TBA Men's Club and has served as a President, secretary, fund raising chair and First VP. Howard was part of the team that started our annual Yom Kippur Break-the-Fast event which has grown in popularity and size each successive year.

Howard is a strong supporter of our synagogue and gives both in time and money. Howard and his wife have stepped up annually to give additional support to our TBA Hebrew School and they have given generously to support various programs throughout the year that benefit both adults and our youth. Howard annually participates in the following activities. – Sukkot building, High Holiday ushering, Purim basket building, men's club fund raising including gala, comedy nights, pancake breakfasts at Hanukkah time and has often given the D'Var during our Men's Club Shabbats.

Howard and his family have traveled to Israel multiple times and have supported their children's college's Chabad and Hillel groups with financial and other support. Howard is an Eagle Scout and has been active as a committee chair of Troop 434 Manalapan.

Howard is honored to be named this year's Man of the Year and congratulates all the other men and youth who are being honored tonight.



I am **Max Butkovic** and I am a senior at Freehold Township High School in the Global Studies magnet program. This will be my fifth year as an aide for the Hebrew school. I have volunteered at the Purim carnival for years including helping bake the Hamantashan for sale. I also helped the preschool by putting their picnic tables together. I have been in Hebrew High since I became a Bar Mitzvah. I also volunteered as an English speaking teen at Pueblo Ingles in Aldeaduero, Spain this summer. I have been at TBA my whole life from Mommy and Me to Preschool to Hebrew school to Hebrew High. I love contributing to the community that helped shape me and my Judaism.

In my secular life I am an avid runner and I serve as the captain of the cross country, winter track and spring track teams for my high school. I am a member of the National and math honor societies. I love geography, traveling, playing chess, and listening to music.



Corey Shanin: As a young member of the Jewish Community, I have been lucky to have had a welcoming home that is Temple Beth Ahm. As long as I can remember, TBA has supported my Hebrew studies and advancement in Judaism, as well as my secular interests. As a student in the religious school, I loved seeing my TBA friends and I was also still able to do other activities I love, such as sports and still maintain and excel at the Religious School. I have many memories of attending in my soccer uniform and leaving a few minutes early to get to my games. After soccer, came high school basketball, football and volleyball. I'm so lucky that I was able to attend a religious school that also allowed me to flourish in other areas of my life.

I graduated TBA Religious School in 2018 and have attended Hebrew High since then. After celebrating my Bar Mitzvah at TBA, I have continued my commitment to the Religious School by being a school aide since my Bar Mitzvah, working in the office and helping the teachers and students wherever I can. This experience has helped me in my commitment to being a good student, making honor roll and National Honor Society at Marlboro High School. Temple Beth Ahm will always be a place of happy memories with family and friends.





# MAZELTOV

The Board of Trustees of Temple Beth Ahm & Rabbi Edelstein wish a hearty Mazel Tov to

#### Howard Schornstein

the Men's Club Man of the Year.
We also wish Mazel Tov to

Max Butkovic & Corey Shanin,

both outstanding choices for Youth of the Year!

Temple Beth Ahm - Aberdeen, NJ www.TempleBethAhm.org



Wishing a hearty Mazel Tov to our honorees

# Howard Schornstein

Temple Beth Ahm's Man of the Year

# Corey Shanin and Max Butkovic

Temple Beth Ahm's Youths of the Year

Ruth & Rob Goldfarb

Laura & Nathan Goldwasser

Stacy & Dom Neglio

Allison & Rick Robinson

Kate & David Smith





#### Mazel tov Max on your Temple Beth Ahm Youth of the Year honor!

You have been a mainstay at TBA since you were a week old, from Mommy and Me to preschool, Hebrew school, Hebrew High and volunteering with the Hebrew school, Purim carnival and many other activities. You are always enthusiastic about your Jewish learning and we hope that continues beyond TBA.

We are so proud of you! We love you,

Mom, Dad, Daniela, Grandma, Grandpa & Nona



#### **CONGRATULATIONS**

#### **COREY**

You are a real mensch!

Love,
Aunt Linda and Uncle Martin
And
Cousins Jeff, Jamie and Morgan



# Congratulations and *yasher koach* to all the Temple Beth-Ahm award winners:

**Howard Schorenstein** 

Max Butkovic

Corey Shanin

You set a shining example of tikkun olam!

The Hollander Family



#### Temple Beth Ahm of Aberdeen Men's Club congratulates



MAN OF THE YEAR HOWARD SCHORSTEIN

Founding Men's Club Member

Past President & Current Men's Club Board Member

Co-Chair of Break-The-Fast

High Holiday Usher

Sukkah Builder

Cook and BBQ Master

D'Var Torah Presenter

TBA Board Trustee

Continuous Supporter of Temple, Religious School, & Preschool



YOUTHS OF THE YEAR MAX BUTKOVIC

Religious School Teacher's Aide

Preschool Volunteer

Hamantaschen Baker and Salesman

English Speaking teen Volunteer in Spain

Cross country, Winter & Spring Track Captain

National Honor Society



COREY SHANIN

Religious School Teacher's Aide

Preschool Volunteer

TBA Volunteer

High School Athlete: Basketball, Football & Volleyball

Volunteer at "Max Challenge Day of Giving" honoring memory of a friend's dad.

National Honor Society



Mazel Tov to Schornstein, Butkovic and Shanin families



# CONGRATULATIONS TEMPLE BETH AHM MEN'S CLUB FEDERATION OF JEWISH MEN'S CLUB 2022 HONOREES

# HOWARD SCHORNSTEIN MAN OF THE YEAR

# MAX BUTKOVIC AND COREY SHANIN YOUTHS OF THE YEAR

CONGRATULATIONS ON BEING CHOSEN AS THIS YEAR'S HONOREES.

MAY YOU CONTINUE TO BE A SOURCE OF STRENGTH FOR THE JEWISH

COMMUNITY.

WITH MUCH ADMIRATION,
SISTERHOOD TEMPLE BETH AHM



# Iris, Sarah and Ben Schornstein want to congratulate our Man of the Year:

#### **Howard Schornstein**

Not only is he our Man of the Year, but he is a super husband and father. May he continue to go from strength to strength! Mazel Tov and L'chaim!



Mazel to all the other honorees tonight!!





Iris, Howard, Sarah and Ben Schornstein extend our Mazel Tov's to Temple Beth Ahm's Youths of the year and all the other honoree s tonight.

Congratulations to

# Max Butkovic & Corey Shanin









## Corey,

Your Aunts, Uncles and cousins are very proud of you.

Love,
Gary & Becky Fishkin & family
Robin & Irving Haar & family



### Congratulations to our dear friend

#### Howard Schornstein

Temple Beth Ahm Men's Club Man of the Year

On this well-deserved honor!

Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Geller Jennifer and Megan

#### Mazel Tov to Howard Schornstein "Man of the Year"

on your well-deserved recognition for all you do for the Temple Beth Ahm family & the Jewish community! Your hard work and dedication to our community is exemplary.

Your leadership, commitment, and dedication has made you a pillar of our community!!

Wishing you and your family many years of good health and happiness.

#### Mazel Tov to Max Butkovic and Corey Shanin "Youth of the Year"

for all you do for the children of Temple Beth Ahm! Your dedication these past 5 years to the Religious School is an inspiration to all! Both of you, keep up the good work as leaders for Jewish Youth!! I know you will!

May you all go from strength to strength!

Alan & Ann Gabel, Madeleine Gabel, Stephanie, Bob, Mark, & Lily Strohmenger, Andrew & Emily Gabel





#### HOWARD SCHORNSTEIN

TBA Men's Club 2022 Man of the Year

and

MAX BUTKOVIC & COREY SHANIN
TBA Men's Club 2022 Youths of the Year

Thank you for all you do for Temple Beth Ahm, our Schools, our Men's Club and the Jewish community!

**Seth & Janice Arbital** 

Max,
We are very proud of you.
Love, Pilar and Jeff



Congratulations to our Man and Youth of the Year
To Howard, Max and Corey

You have proven yourselves more than worthy of being our honorees for the year 2022.

Mazel Tov to you all and much success in the years ahead.

Carol and Ivan Sokoloff



#### Temple Sholom (Bridgewater)



Michael Eric Paul was born on May 25, 1976, to Harvey and Marsha Paul. Michael, who was a huge source of joy to this family excelled in school and formed a group of friends he keeps in touch with to this day. Michael was forced to learn at a young age the hardships of life, however never allowed events out of his control to damper his dreams to become an educator and have a family of his own. Michael has earned three master's degrees and has developed a reputation at Millburn High School of being tough but fair and providing guidance to expand the knowledge of his students in areas like global studies and worldwide injustices. Michael deeply cares about his family, community as well as is loyal to his allegiance to Maryland sports teams.

Michael and his family joined Temple Shalom in 2016 two weeks before the death of his father. The community, who Michael had yet to get to know, rose to support him during this challenging time and has not been forgotten. Michael is currently the Temple Sholom Religious School Chair. Michael was honored to learn he earned the Man of the Year award and will continue to serve this community with honor and pride.





Hannah Golub has attended the Temple Shalom religious school since first grade and is excited for her senior year in Hebrew High this year. She has celebrated many milestones at Temple Shalom including her Bat Mitzvah with her older sister Leah and traveling to Israel with her family on a Temple Sholom group tour. Hannah and her sister hope to travel to Israel on birthright to expand their religious experiences.

Hannah loves sports and the competition it offers. She has run year-round for over 10 years. She is a two-year captain of the Watchung Hills Regional High School Cross Country team and will complete her High School running career this year being the captain of the Winter and Spring Track teams. Hannah's community involvement started as a junior

camp counselor at her favorite camp in Warren NJ. She has been a peer leader at Watchung Hills Regional High School for two years assisting Freshman students in their assimilation into high school. She presently attends the peer outreach class in high school that assists special needs students. She also is a volunteer at a local animal rescue.

Hannah is passionate about women's rights and plans on studying political science and women's studies in college. She currently is a member of the mock trial club in high school which will allow her to expand her speaking skills which she plans on using in her political science pursuits.





#### Temple Sholom is VERY proud to celebrate this year's

#### MAN OF THE YEAR



MICHAEL PAUL

#### YOUTH OF THE YEAR



HANNAH GOLUB

### AND OUR REGIONAL MAN OF THE YEAR MICHAEL KEATS



Thank you for everything you do to grow and sustain our community!

Mazel Tov to all the honorees!

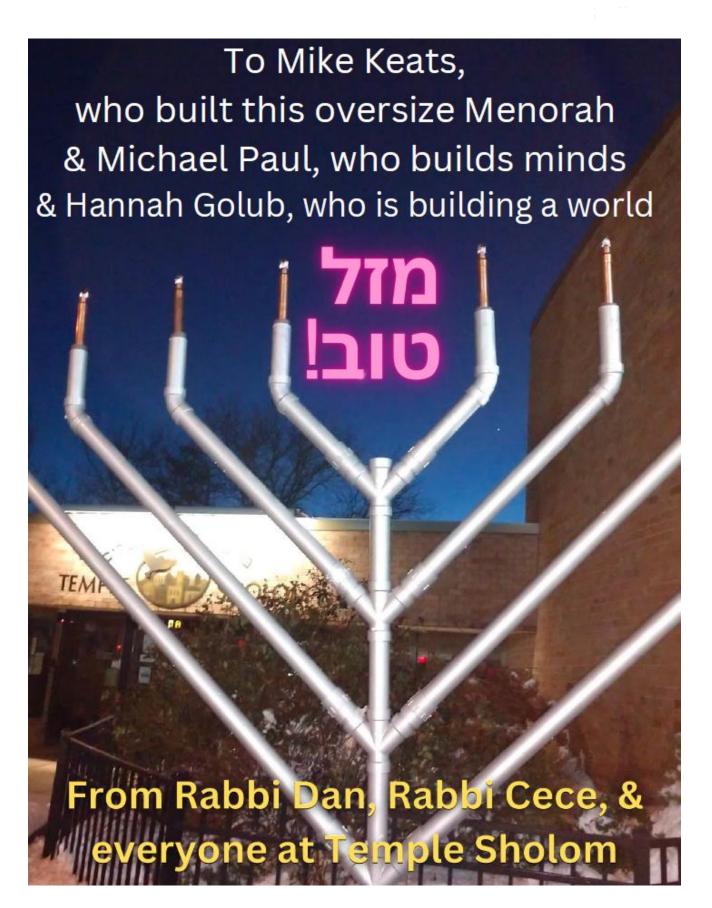
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# MAZEL TOV TO OUR DAUGHTER HANNAH TEMPLE SHOLOM YOUTH OF YEAR

KEEP LEAVING YOUR MARK ON THE WORLD  $\label{eq:love-mom} \text{LOVE}-\text{MOM}, \text{DAD AND LEAH}$ 



Congratulations
Michael Paul
Temple Sholom Man of the Year 2022,
Hannah Golub
Temple Sholom Youth of the Year 2022,
Michael Keats
Regional Man of the Year 2022
Your honors are so well deserved.
Yasher Koach!
From
Linda and Allan Halperin



Congratulations to our great friend, Michael Paul!

We are so proud of you!

Matt and Marisa Bergman,

Michael and Stacey Friedlander,

Eli and Robyn Goldstein,

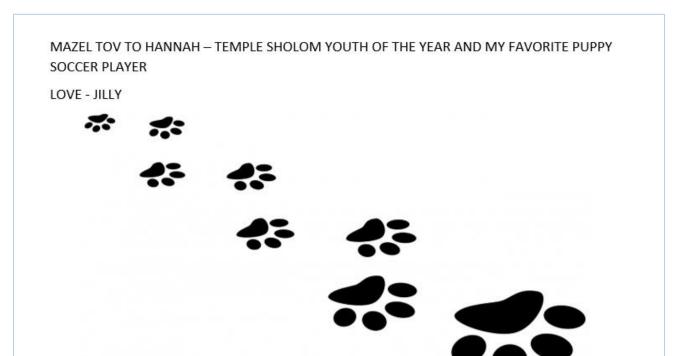
Bryan and Florence Grossman,

Bryan and Alyson Hershkowitz,

Jason and Allison Klein,

Steve and Stephanie Singer







#### Temple Beth O'r Beth Torah (Clark)



Jonathan Phillips currently serves as the Co-President of Temple Beth O'r Beth Torah in Clark, N.J. A member of the Synagogue since 1996, he values the role of the Men's Club in building a stronger local Jewish community while providing comradery and recreational activities to members of the Club.

Mr. Phillips graduated from Muhlenberg College with a degree in History, and applied these disciplines to a lifetime of business and community endeavors. For the past two decades he has served as the Executive Director of Groundwork Elizabeth, a 501c3 organization founded in Elizabeth whose mission is to "change places, change lives". Groundwork Elizabeth builds healthy, sustainable and equitable communities, overseeing programs that

improve the environment and the quality of life in Elizabeth and surrounding Union County neighborhoods.

He serves on the Executive Committee of Shaping Elizabeth, the City of Elizabeth Economic Task Force Committee, Elizabeth's Neighborhood Revitalization Tax Credit Committee, the Elizabeth Clean Communities Committee, the Elizabeth 350 Committee, and is an officer in one of the City's Special Improvement Districts, the Elizabeth Avenue Partnership. He has previously served on the Board of Directors and as Treasurer for the Groundwork USA organization. He is the past recipient of a Union County Human Relations Commission Award. A lifelong New Jersey resident, he lives locally in Edison, N.J., with his wife and family.



# Mazel Tov Jonathan As Temple Beth O'r - Beth Torah Man Of The Year!



Randy & Jack
Andrea & Richie
Shari and Marc
Laurie and Joel
Stephen
Anne
Marla and Paul
Aimee and Mitchell
Joseph
Barbara and Paul



# I want to officially congratulate all of those receiving tonight's honor for Men's Club Man of the Year-

- for their dedication to their Synagogue's Men's Clubs, and
- for their dedication to helping each of our Jewish communities heal the world.

I am honored to be part of this very special cohort.

**Tikkun Olam** 

Jonathan Phillips

Jonathan G. Phillips

Temple Beth O'r Beth Torah

Clark, N.J.



#### IN HONOR OF

#### JONATHAN PHILLIPS

A leader and friend who combines

courage and strength

with wisdom and humility,

and is a true exemplar of menschlichkeit.

Rabbi Steven Stern
Temple Beth O'r Beth Torah
Clark, NJ
www.bethorbethtorah.org



Man of the Year ...

#### **Jonathan Phillips**

Temple Beth O'r Beth Torah

Yasher Koach to a most deserving person. You always give of yourself whenever call upon.

May you go from strength to strength.

The Board of Directors

of

Temple Beth O'r Beth Torah



From our past recipients who participated in this year's Man of the Year Selection Committee process, to our Honoree

### Jonathan J. Phillips

a hearty Yasher Koach and Job well done for your many years of service to

Temple Beth O'r Beth Torah.

You lead by example. Welcome to our Man of the Year Honorees list.

Howard Silverman Theo Moreines

Michael Rogh Michael F. Goldstein

Rabbi Stephen Stern Jay Schlesinger



Jonathan Phillips ... Man of the year

Mazel Tov to the other half of the Temple Beth O'r Beth Torah tag team.

Joe and I are proud to call you our friend!

Fern & Joe Cammy

### Jonathan Phillips, Man of the Year

Congratulations!! We could not have a more well deserving man of the year than you!

#### **Mazel Tov!**

The Executive Board of Temple Beth O'r Beth Torah



Mazel Tov to

**Jonathan Phillips**, a True mensch, on this well-deserved honor.

May you go from strength to strength.

Myrna Young and Family

Congratulations and mazel tov to our fellow congregant,

# Jonathan Phillips,

on being selected as our Men's Club Man of the Year.

Florence Bernstein Adeline Gesten
Suzanne Ruda Stephen J. Kornstein
Michael Roth Michael F. Goldstein



#### East Brunswick Jewish Center (East Brunswick)



I'm **Dave Libowsky**. My wife Sharlene Harris and I have been members of EBJC since 2017. We have a "Brady Bunch" blended family with a total of four kids and a dog. I am an attorney, and practice law at Bressler, Amery & Ross, where I am a principal, in Florham Park, New Jersey. I have been a member of the Men's Club since joining EBJC, and have introduced and run our semiannual hike program. Additionally, I have served as a house counsel for EBJC since 2020, and was recently selected to join the EBJC Executive Board as a Vice President. I also read Torah from time to time. I am very honored to have been selected as the EBJC Men's Club Man of the Year.





Hi my name is **Macaria Pelofsky**. I am a senior at Rutgers Preparatory school. My family has been a part of the East Brunswick Jewish Center community for more than 50 years. Over the years, my grandmother was involved in sisterhood, my grandfather was involved in men's club, and my father served as co-president. I have grown up coming to EBJC for the holidays, Shabbat, Hebrew school, and Kadima. My dad, aunts, cousins, sister, and I have all been bar and bat mitzvah'ed in this shul. Most recently, I have been involved in the East Brunswick USY youth group. I started as a member, attending events, and currently serve as a board member. An additional responsibility that I have is working with Erin Kaplan, our youth advisor, helping to manage chaverim and Kadima events. I am grateful to have been selected as one of the

recipients of the 2022 men's club youth of the year honor.



Hey! I'm **Jessica Miner** and I'm a senior at Spotswood High School. I've always been involved with something at EBJC, whether it's Hebrew School, Chaverim, Kadima, or USY. Recently, I've been volunteering as a madricha for the 4th and 5th graders. I also have been assisting my chapter advisor, Erin Kaplan, at Chaverim and Kadima events. I'm currently the Membership/Programming Vice presidents for East Brunswick's chapter of USY. EBJC has always been a huge part of my life, so I'm very grateful to be honored as Youth of the Year.



#### Mazal Tov and Yasher Koach to NNJR Man of the Year

### David Libowsky

For being an awesome Torah reader at EBJC, house counsel for EBJC, valuable asset to the Men's Club, and a good friend.

Mazal Tov and Yasher Koach to

#### Macaria Pelofsky & Jessica Miner

for being honored as NJJR Co-Youth's of the Year.

Many thanks for being active members of Kadima and USY, and helping organize religious and educational services for our young members.

Lots of love and hope for the future.

From:

Barbara and Dov Pollak

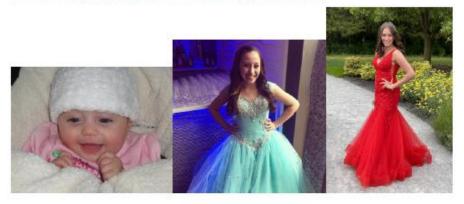


#### Mazel Tov Macaria!!!

You never cease to amaze us with your ability to light up every room and transform the energy into positivity and joy. Your beautiful heart is clear in everything you do. We are so proud of you, and we look forward to watching as you continue to grow into an incredibly special young woman. ♥♥

Congratulations on being selected as co-youth of the year!

#### With much Love, Mom, dad, and Gabbi





To:

# Dave, Macaria and Jessica

for having been chosen as EBJC's Man and Youth's of the Year

Thanks for all you have done for EBJC!

Carol and Judah Landa



#### Mazel tov to Dave Libowsky, our Man of the Year every year!



May you and the EBJC Men's Club continue to go from strength to strength!

With love from your fan club,
Sharlene, Allison, Jennifer, Dan, David, Jackie,
Madre and Sophia!







#### Mazel Tov! and Kol HaKavod!

To our EBJC Man of the Year:

#### David Libowsky

and our Co-Youth of the Year:

#### Jessica Miner and Macaria Pelofsky!

Thanks for all you do to make EBJC special!

Co-President Jack Goldberg

Co-President Steve Wohl

and the entire EBJC Board of Directors







### to מזל טוב!

### David Libowsky

EBJC's Man of the Year

For all their efforts on behalf of EBJC and our Jewish community

Rabbi Jeff Pivo Cantor Larry Brandspiegel

East Brunswick Jewish Center



### Mazel Tov

and

### Kol Hakavod

to

The East Brunswick Jewish Center Honorees

### David Libowsky

East Brunswick Jewish Center Men's Club Man of the Year

### Macaria Pelofsky and Jessica Miner

East Brunswick Jewish Center

Men's Club Co-Youth of the Year

### **EBJC Mitzvah Corps**







### Yasher Koach! to our friends

## **David Libowsky**

on being EBJC Men's Club's Man of the Year, and

## Jessica Miner and **Macaria Pelofsky**

on being EBJC Men's Club's Co-Youth of the Year!

We appreciate all you do for our club and for EBJC!

Jordan Feldman Arthur Fliegelman Mark Foladare Ken Gerson Harvey Joel Greengarten Goldschmidt

Steve Harkavy







### Yasher Koach and Mazel Tov!

To EBJC's Man of the Year

## David Libowsky

And to EBJC's Co-Youth of the Year

## Jessica Miner and Macaria Pelofsky

You make EBJC a better place.

May you go from strength to strength!

Marty Hoffman

David Julis

Bob Levine

Alan Migdal

Howard Jacobs

Neil Kosher

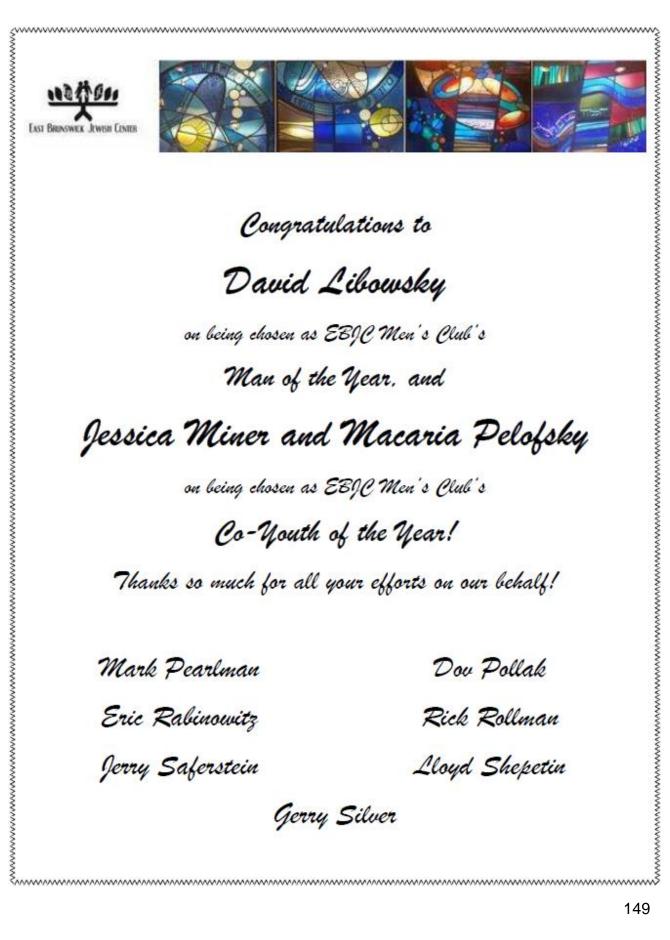
Dave Mandell

Marc Pearl





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### Kol Hakavod and Mazel Tov!



To EBJC's Man of the Year

# David Libowsky



And to EBJC's CO-Youth of the Year

## Jessica Miner

And

## Macaría Pelofsky

We are glad that you are part of our synagogue's family!

EBJC Sisterhood



## If you need something done, ask a busy person!

NNJR Region Man of the Year 
Mike Keats

EBJC Men's Club Man of the Year -**David Libowsky** 

EBJC Youths of the Year - Macaria Pelofsky & Jessica Miner

Thanks to each of you for all you get done for the community!

Lois & Dave Mandell



### Yasher Koach

### David Libowsky EBJC's Man of the Year

Your passion and dedication inspire all of us

Mazel Tov on a Well-Deserved Honor

David & Margot Julis

Mazel tov to Macaria Pelofsky, Jessica Miner and David Libowsky! Congratulations on being chosen as this year's honorees! May you continue to be an inspiration to the entire community!

Jeffrey, Elyse, Ilana and Sarah Herman





## Mazel tov and Kol Ha Kavod to David Libowsky

### Liz and Bob Salston

We want to say MAZEL TOV! to our favorite Legal Eagle,

### **David Libowsky**

EBJC Men's Club Man of the Year.

And Mazel Tov to the EBJC Youths of the Year

### **Jessica Miner and Macaria Pelofsky**

Jack and Carol Goldberg Steve and Maury Wohl







and Mazel Tov to our good friend and Man of the Year

### David Libowsky

Thanks for what you do for our community!

Howard and Cindi Jacobs



Mazel Tov to our friend Dave Libowsky on this well-deserved honor!

Congratulations to our talented and well-respected Youths of the Year,
Macaria and Jessica!

Best wishes to all,

Elise and Ira Merkel

### To Our Macaria,

Congratulations on your award for Youth of the Year! We are so proud of you and we know that your hard work, determination and motivation got you to this point today. You are a burst of energy and love and we are so excited to join in and cheer you on for this wonderful accomplishment!

Love,

Saba, Safti, Uncle Corey, Aunt Abbey, Millie, Uncle Eran, Aunt Carolyn, Lily, Aunt Violette, Uncle Moshe, Mackenzie, Savannah, Harper, Uncle Judd, Aunt Leyat, Adir, and Lielle.



### To Jessica,

Grandpa and I want to congratulate you on your special award!

We are very proud of all your accomplishments this year!

Love,

Grandma and Grandpa

### Jessica,

Mazel Tov on being named Co-Youth of the Year. We are so proud of you and all your accomplishments.

We are so excited for your future and know that your positive attitude, determination and appreciation of life will take you very far.

You're going to do great things!

We love you,

Mom, Dad & Liana



Dear Macaria,

Mazel Tov! We're so proud of all your accomplishments!

Grandma, Your family in Israel, Aunt Shelly, Uncle Dan, and Sol



### Beth El Synagogue (East Windsor)



**Ken Levitt**: I have a long history of involvement with Men's Club, starting with Congregation Agudath Israel in Caldwell, NJ. I was a member there for over 30 years and was a Men's Club President and also named Man of the Year In 2004.

When I moved to Hightstown, I immediately joined Beth El's Men's Club where I took on many responsibilities. I chaired the Passover Wine sale; helped erect the Sukkah; and organized several drive by and outdoor activities during Covid. Also, I purchased food for "Shabbat On the Go" and helped with the many dinners we had at the shul.

Currently I am semi-retired and a salesman for a Janitorial Supply Company. I presently live in Cedar Grove to be close to my two grandchildren.



Ben Trokenheim is a senior at West Windsor Plainsboro High School South. He's grown up in West Windsor and has been a member of Beth El synagogue his whole life. At Beth El, Ben is very involved. For the past three years, Ben has been a Hebrew school assistant teacher, working to prepare young students for class services and bar mitzvahs. Ben is also the President of Beth El's USY chapter. He loves running events like Chopped, Escape Rooms, and Youth Shabbat, organizing fundraisers where he's raised over \$1000 during his time as president, and being involved in all other aspects of the synagogue. Ben is also a counselor at the JCC camp where he loves working with, and being a role model for, the campers.

Ben is also devoted to philanthropic and volunteer work.

He's a member of the West Windsor and Hamilton Juvenile Conference Committee and relishes his time as a participant in the Jewish Community Youth Foundation, while working to continuously improve the program on its Youth Advisory Board. And Ben is also a peer leader for the Gesher LeKesher peer leadership program.

At school, Ben is a key player on his varsity soccer team, the Vice President of his Debate club, and a recent addition to his school's ultimate frisbee squad.

Ben is honored, and thankful, to receive this award.



## Mazel Tov

# Hiker MIKE KEATS NNJRegional MOY

and locally

## KEN LEVITT

Beth El Synagogue MOY

&

# BEN TROKENHEIM Beth El Synagogue YOY

Congratulations on your honor and thanks for all you do!

Rob Blitzer & Family



# Mazel Tov and

# Best Wishes

to our Man Of The Year

**Ken Levitt** 

and to our Youth Of The Year

Ben Trokenheim

We are very proud of you!

The Board of Trustees of Beth El Synagogue

East Windsor, NJ





### **Mazel Tov to**

# Ken Levitt and Ben Trokenheim

Beth El Synagogue's Man and Youth of the Year

Celeste, Brian, Reina and Stuart Albert



### Mazal Tov to

### Ken Levitt and Ben Trokenheim

on your well-deserved honors! We are proud of you and the examples you set.

We at Beth El Synagogue are better off for all your hard work. Thank you for all you have done for us.

May you go from strength to strength.

Natalie and Brad Harrington



## Highland Park Conservative Temple - Congregation Anshe Emeth (Highland Park)



Following in the footsteps of his parents, **Sheldon Freidenreich** became a member of the Highland Park Conservative Temple/Congregation Anshe Emeth (HPCT-CAE) shortly after his marriage to Bonnie in 1972. Sheldon's involvement in the synagogue began with helping at bazaars, expos, and of course bingo. He joined the Religious Committee and eventually became chair. He was a member of the rabbinical search committee which brought Rabbi Malomet to the synagogue. Sheldon has served in officer positions culminating in the presidency for the 2015-2017 term. He is currently chair of the religious committee, member of the security and house committees and president-elect (once was not enough?) and will be installed as president again next summer.

For over 30 years he has served as a facilitator for daily morning services at HPCT-CAE, which requires him to open the Temple and prepare for the services. He is Gabbai Rishon, which involves rolling the Torah scrolls and making sure that the proper Torah is

always ready for the service.

Sheldon has been active in Boy Scouting on the local, regional, and national level. Sheldon joined Boy Scout Troop 55, sponsored by HPCT-CAE as a youth, and never stopped his involvement. He has served as Scoutmaster of the same troop and has provided a quality program for forty-five years, with no sign of leaving. His troop has produced over two dozen Eagle Scouts since 2000, including some with special needs. He also serves as a merit badge counselor.

Sheldon is one of the prime organizers of the regional Jewish Scouting Kinus, an annual retreat for Jewish Scouts attracting over 300 people. Sheldon's area of responsibility includes organizing the weekend program, erecting the mile+ eruv surrounding the entire camp, and camp setup.

Sheldon is very active in seeing that there is Boy Scout summer camp for observant Jewish scouts. As a summer camp organizer, he erects a 40x40 foot synagogue tent, constructs an eruv, and even prepares meals for the kosher contingent. He attends at least two weeks of Boy Scout Camp every summer and brings along a group of boys and recruits parents to staff the troop site.

Every four or five years, a National Scout Jamboree is held which brings together thousands of scouts. Sheldon has served as Jamboree Scoutmaster for a special Sabbath-observant troop at six National Scout Jamborees, enabling observant Boy Scouts from all over the United States to be a part of this event. His active commitment to this special Sabbath Observant Jamboree troop is a major undertaking, starting over a year in advance. He is heavily involved in arranging for a pre-Jamboree week of events, transportation, and accommodations enabling this diverse group of boys to bond together to form this special troop.

For those who understand Boy Scout jargon, Sheldon is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow, and is a recipient of the Scouter's Training Award, the District Award of Merit, and the Silver Beaver Award and he has earned his Wood Badge beads.

Sheldon has also been active in the Jewish Community in which he lives. He has served as a member of the Board of Trustees for the Rabbi Pesach Raymon Yeshiva, and now is an *Emeritus* member of the board and served for ten years as a member of the board of the Jewish Federation of Greater Middlesex County.

Sheldon and Bonnie have been married for 50 years and have 3 children and 8 grandchildren.





Sammy Reed-Schwartz has spent his entire life living in Highland Park, NJ, attending weekly Shabbat services at the Highland Park Conservative Temple-Congregation Anshe Emeth, and attending Jewish educational institutions, from day care and pre-school through high school. Sammy is currently a student at JEC (Jewish Educational Center) in Elizabeth where he serves as captain of the wrestling team. He has attended Camp Ramah in the Berkshires most summers (2015-2019 and 2021) and went on the Israel trip called Ramah Seminar summer 2022. Sammy also spent the entire summer in Israel in 2014 on a family trip, hiding in bomb shelters as rockets rained down during Operation Protective Edge.

Sammy has attended United Synagogue Youth

programming on the chapter and regional level and has been running mini-minyan at HPCT-CAE every Shabbat morning of his junior and senior year. A story that illustrates Sammy's unique character is that he volunteered in a program for children with special needs right before Passover 2022. At this program, he met an autistic teenager who was the same age as Sammy. This individual never spoke with anyone at these events, but he ended up speaking with Sammy alone in a corner for over an hour. Sammy has a special ability to connect with individuals in a deep way. He loves young children and small animals, and is honored to be recognized as Youth of the Year.





**Shayna Rina Goldwasser** is a senior at Golda Och Academy in West Orange NJ. She has been on the crew for or in the cast of every theater production since she was in middle school, including Really Rosie, Honk, She Kills Monsters, Catch me if you Can, and Twelfth Night. She is a member of Artists Make Change, and the co-President of the school's Gender and Sexuality Alliance.

Shayna is also a member of Girl Scout Troop 81424, a Kosher and Shomer Shabbat Girl Scout troop in Highland Park, NJ.

Shayna has been involved with Kadima and USY since she was in the sixth grade. During that time, she attended almost all of her local chapter programs as well as all Regional events! She has served in the following elected

positions:

Highland Park USY
Freshman Representative
Religion Education Vice President
Social Action / Tikkun Olam Vice President
Chapter President

### Hagalil Region USY

Religion Education Committee, Regional General Board Israel Affairs Vice President

### International USY

Religion Education Committee, International General Board

Shayna spent the past summer on USY on Wheels (Bus C!), and plans on participating on Nativ (43!) next year.



# Mazal Tov to Sheldon Freidenreich

Our Man of the Century!!!

Kol Ha-Kavod to our Youths of the Year

Shayna Goldwasser

and

Sammy Reed-Schwartz

with Love,

Julie and Marc Leber Carrie Mitnick and Matthew Hale Joan and Stuart Mitnick



### Mazal Toy to

### Sheldon Freidenreich

Welcome to "The Club within the Club"!

Daniel Shifrin (Beth O'r/Beth Torah MOY1997, HPCT-CAE MOY 2021), Marty Golden (2020), Nate Kean (2019), Phil Schmidt (2018), Carey Glass (2017), Larry Klioze (2016, NNJR MOY 2020), Craig Artel (2015), Sam Kamens (2014), Jerry Langer (2013), Marc Weinstein (2011), Jay Culang (2010), Skip Rogers (2009), Phil Rabinowitz (2007), Fred Shaffer (2006), Steve Lerner (2005), Barry Mael (2004), Jerry Trub (2000) and Al Davis (Beth O'r/Beth Torah MOY 2007, NNJR MOY 2007 and FIMC Ma'asim Tovim 2007)

The past recipients of the
"Man of the Year" Award from
The Highland Park Conservative Temple Congregation Anshe Emeth Men's Club



Mazel Tov to the HPCT-CAE Honorees:

Shayna Goldwasser - Youth of the Year

Sammy Reed-Schwartz - Youth of the Year

Sheldon Freidenreich - Man of the Year

Yasher Koachachem!

HPCT-CAE Men's Club Executive Board





### The Highland Park Conservative Temple -Congregation Anshe Emeth

Salutes our Men's Club Man of the Year, SHELDON FREIDENREICH

for his years of service to our Men's Club, Temple, and Klal Yisrael,

and

Youth of the Year,
SHAYNA GOLDWASSER
and
SAMMY REED-SCHWARTZ!

MAZEL TOV TO ALL!



### אָם אֵין אֲנִי לִי, מִי לִי. וּכְשֶׁאֲנִי לְעַצְמִי, מָה אֲנִי. וְאָם לֹא עַכְשָׁיו, אֵימָתִי

If I am not for myself, who will be for me, if I am only for myself, what am I, and if not now, when?

--Pirkei Avot 1:14

Shayna, through USY, Golda Och Academy, and HPCT-CAE, you have shown that that you are never only for yourself and you have set the example for your peers that you are never too young to work towards making the world a better place.

Love, Savta Sue Kheel Ima, Abba, Avi, and Noam





### Mazal Tov to

## Sammy Reed-Schwartz

An inspiration to his friends, family, and every child he meets.

We love you and are proud of you.

Granny, Mom, Abba, Isaac, and Jonah

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Celebrating friendship from 2005 to 2022





Mazal Tov to **Sammy** and **Rafi** on each being Youth of the Year!



### Mazel TovSheldon!

with many thanks,

The Hofrichters

**MAZEL TOV** 

SHAYNA GOLDWASSER

AND

SAMMY REED SCHWARTZ

ROLE MODELS FOR THE FUTURE

**BONNIE & SHELDON FREIDENREICH** 



Mazal 70v!

Highland Park Conservative Temple-Congregation Anshe Emeth's



### **Super Stars of Service**

Men's Club Man of the Year



### Sheldon Freidenreich

Youths of the Year

### Shayna Goldwasser and Sammy Reed-Schwartz

Thank you for all you do for our congregation!

Hillary and Carey Glass, Paula and Aaron Kondioti, Nancy and Aryeh Levy,

Teri Manes and Jerry Trub and Ina Nelson

### מזל טוב

Sheldon Freidenreich, Man of the Year



Shayna Goldwasser g Sammy Reed-Schwartz Youths of the Year



### Congratulations from the HPCT-CAE Sisterhood





## Marlboro Jewish Center - Congregation Ohev Shalom (Marlboro)



Allen Basis lives with his wife and two cats while his youngest children are away at Rowan University. He has a total of 2 boys and 2 girls and all are out of the house. From Brooklyn, NY, Allen came to Manalapan, NJ in the 1970's with his parents. He later married and settled in Marlboro after living in Monmouth and Middlesex Counties. A graduate of Quinnipiac University, Allen has held various leadership roles in the publishing and media industry and now enjoys a work from home position selling digital advertising. Allen has served on the Board of Trustees at Marlboro Jewish Center for over 10 years. Presently he serves as the Executive Vice President.





Over the past four years of high school, **Ben Bodner** has taken every opportunity he has had to get more involved in his community and improve Marlboro Jewish Center. He is grateful to be recognized with this title and is honored to represent the Marlboro Jewish community this year.

Ben currently serves as the President of Marlboro USY, our synagogue's youth group. Our chapter averages extraordinary attendance and weekly, new programs. This makes our chapter an outlier in the New Jersey USY region, as we have the highest attendance and most frequent events.

His dedication to USY is proven through his years of experience on various boards. Starting freshman year, Ben

became involved in leadership as the chapter Freshman Representative. Sophomore year, he became Marlboro's Religion Education Vice President. And then Junior year, was elected as Hagalil USY's regional Social Action Tikkun Olam Vice President. In this role, he planned programs for regional conventions for Jewish teens across all of New Jersey. In addition, he oversaw committees and all chapters around the state, while helping to bring focus to social awareness issues and charity fundraising.

Senior year, he decided to run for Marlboro USY President in order to help continue to incredible success we have as a chapter. Now, he oversees a board of nine members, all underclassmen, and is teaching them how to be successful leading a Jewish group.

In addition, Ben volunteers twice a week, every week, as a Madrichim in the Hebrew school. He has become a role model in the school and is loved by all his students. On Wednesdays after Hebrew school, Ben volunteers an additional hour to run Kadima and pre-Kadima programming. He believes it is important to get the students excited about Judaism while they are young, so when they are older they will be more likely to get involved.

Ben looks forward to continuing his involvement in the Jewish community as he finishes his senior year and enters college!



# CONGRATULATIONS AND YASHER KOACH TO

### **ALLEN BASIS**

AND

### **BEN BODNER**

MARLBORO JEWISH CENTER'S

MAN OF THE YEAR AND YOUTH OF THE YEAR

AND REGIONAL MAN OF THE YEAR

### MICHAEL KEATS

AND TO ALL THE OTHER HONOREES TONIGHT



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

### ALLEN BASIS

TO THE "CLUB"

### ישר כח and מזל טוב

To Allen Basis for his many years of dedication to Marlboro Jewish Center Men's Club

Elliott Brown Alan Greenberg Jeff Katz Rob Klepner Paul Nebb

Lance Adelson

Rabbi Michael Pont Howard Shafran

Allan Solomon Robert Waldman Eric Bonett

Michael Danziger

Larry Josephs

Wayne Kaufman

Steve Landau

Jordan Podos

Jay Seliber

Wayne Sherman Steve Solomon

Len Whitman



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THE MARLBORO JEWISH CENTER MEN'S CLUB IS THRILLED TO CONGRATULATE OUR FRIEND AND MAN OF THE YEAR

### **ALLEN BASIS**

AND OUR YOUTH OF THE YEAR

### **BEN BODNER**

ישר כח and מזל טוב

YOU BRING HONOR TO ALL OF US

MAY YOU BOTH BE SUCCESSFUL IN ALL THAT YOU DO





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Yasher Koach to our honorees, esteemed leaders of the community:

Man of the Year

ALLEN BASIS, Executive VP of MJC

and

Youth of the Year BEN BODNER, USY PRESIDENT

## From the Marlboro Jewish Center and the MJC Board of Trustees

Rabbi Michael Pont
Cantor Michelle Teplitz

Dara Winston, Executive Director
Karen Lewin, Education Director
Rita Rashotsky Preschool Director
Mark Eiger, President



### **MAZEL TOV BEN**

We are so proud of you on being selected as Youth of the Year! You are determined, hard working, kind, dedicated, and always willing to help out. Your dedication to MJC in the Hebrew school and youth groups has been truly remarkable. You have shown major devotion to the temple and Marlboro USY and the region. We are so proud of you today and everyday. Your future is so bright! We love you!





#### Neve Sholom (Metuchen)



Marc Sessler is honored to be chosen as this years "Man of the Year" from Neve Shalom. He and his wife Lynn joined the Neve Shalom Community in 1995. He currently serves as Men's Club Treasurer and has held that position for the last 4 years. Additionally, Marc has served on the Board of Directors of Neve Shalom for several years and believes in the Importance of a strong Jewish Community. Marc and Lynn met each other in USY and have been married for 35 years. Together they raised their 3 daughters, Aliza, Hannah and Naomi— all of whom are proud graduates of the Golda Och Academy and have served on the board of Metuchen USY, as well as being former Youths of the Year. Their daughter Hannah recently served as the USY Advisor for Metuchen USY.

Marc loves cooking and happily leads the Men's Club team in putting on our annual Steak and Spirits in the Sukkah Dinner, as well as Neve Shalom's post Passover Pasta Extravaganza each year. Professionally, Marc is a Senior Sales Executive with the Coca-Cola Company and leads their business with several global customers.





Hi, my name is **Patrick McAuley**, I am 17 years old, I live in South Plainfield and I am a senior at South Plainfield High School. My family and I attend Congregation Neve Shalom in Metuchen. I am one of the co-presidents of the USY board, and a Hebrew high school student. Since the first year of being in USY, I was on the USY board and quite active in the USY community. My bar-mitzvah project involved volunteering at the Menlo Park veterans home, and I'm proud to say that 5 years later, Neve's religious school and Hebrew high students still volunteer their time every month. I enjoy working on cars and learning more about the world. I am very grateful to be chosen as one of the youths of the year! I would also like to congratulate Sabrina Howitt for sharing this honor with me!



Sabrina Howitt lives in Metuchen and is a senior at Metuchen High School. She and her family have been members of Congregation Neve Shalom for 18 years. Sabrina is a co-President of the Neve Shalom chapter of USY and has served on the USY board for the past three years. She created and organized a gift card fundraiser for front-line healthcare workers during the Covid pandemic, collecting 75 gift cards totaling \$500 for healthcare workers. These gifts were presented by Sabrina and her fellow USYers to a lead doctor at the ICU at JFK Hospital in Edison. Sabrina also organized a USY Build-A-Bear event, where the stuffed animals created were donated to her local fire station to be given to the children of families who have suffered loss or damage to their homes. She

takes great joy and pride in helping her community and improving people's lives. Sabrina also enjoys performing on stage in shows at her high school. She would like to continue her Jewish journey by participating in religious-related activities in college. Sabrina is honored to be nominated as one of the youths of the year! She would also like to congratulate Patrick McAuley for sharing this honor with her!

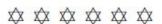


MARC

#### TODAH RABAH FOR YOUR SERVICE TO NEVE SHALOM ON THE BOARD, IN THE MEN'S CLUB, AS CHEF MARC...



# YOU ARE A TRUE MENSCH WITH ADVENTUROUS SPIRIT AND WE ARE PROUD TO CALL YOU OUR DEAR CHAVER! MAZEL TOV!!



AND...YASHER KOACH TO PATRICK + SABRINA...
TWO EXEMPLARY YOUTHS WITH FUTURES AS BRIGHT AS THE STARS!!





Love.

THE GRUBMAN, KASHAN, KUSHNER, STEIN & SCHILDKRAUT





# Congrats Marc Sessler!

Incredible Husband, Father, Friend, Chef, Boat Captain, Volunteer and now Man of the Year.

We love you and are so proud of you!

Lynn, Aliza, Hannah and Naomi





#### NEVE SHALOM MEN'S CLUB

HONORS
OUR "MORTY FIELDS" MAN OF THE YEAR

## MARC SESSLER

FOR ALL HE HAS DONE AND CONTINUES TO DO FOR NEVE'S MEN'S CLUB, IN AND OUT OF THE KITCHEN!

and

OUR CO-YOUTH OF THE YEAR

## PATRICK McAULEY

and

## SABRINA HOWITT

FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO USY AND OUR COMMUNITY



#### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEVE SHALOM MAN OF THE YEAR

#### MARC SESSLER

#### AND OUR CO-YOUTH OF THE YEAR

#### PATRICK McAULEY

and

#### SABRINA HOWITT



Mazel Tov Marc Sessler!

We love you and we're so proud to honor you as man of the year, this year and every year!

The Peisachs, Schildkrauts & Kestins



#### To Marc Sessler

Man of the Year

And Man for Every Year

Lots of love, Marion & Murray Mohl

Mazel tov to

our cousin Sabrina Howitt, our friend Marc Sessler and to Patrick McAuley

on being chosen as

"Man of the Year"

and

"Youths of the Year"

from Neve Shalom!

- Lisa and Dan Spiegel



#### Congregation B'nai Tikvah (North Brunswick)



Larry Cohen: Members of Congregation B'nai Tikvah (CBT) in North Brunswick with my wife Dot, we joined as newlyweds and quickly met other families and raised our children, Margot and Elliot. We have that strong bond over 30 years later, with our friends we met who became part of our family. I have been a member of the CBT Board of Trustees for several extended terms including as Financial Secretary the past 4 years. I joined the Men's Club officially in recent years, but always considered myself a member, thanks to my friends. I remember my father Irving (of blessed memory) as a Men's Club member at our shul and try to give back in his honor. I am a trained Volunteer (Lay) Cantor, at B'nai Tikvah and spent 16 years as a High Holiday Cantor, in Harrisburg, PA. I work in the Financial

Services industry in Technology and I grew up in (North) Jersey but am a confirmed Central Jersey guy. I am grateful to be co-honored with Rafi Rockman.



Rafi Rockman is a senior at North Brunswick Township High School. He is passionate about the environment, music, and Judaism. Rafi uses his passion for the environment in his school's environmental club serving as the vice president, secretary, club activities chairperson, and fundraising chairperson. Rafi has been playing guitar since he was 5 years old, studying with Mike DeFellipo at the North Brunswick School of music. He has used his musical skills in participating in his school's jazz band. Rafi also loves playing the bass clarinet in the NBTHS Wind Ensemble. Rafi has a real passion for Judaism and has been in Kadima and USY since 2016. Since 9th grade, Rafi has held leadership positions in USY. Freshman and Sophomore years, Rafi was the religion education vice

president for his local USY chapter. During 11th grade, Rafi was the regional Religion Education Vice President for Hagalil, and this year, Rafi has been the president of his local USY chapter. Rafi also is completing his term on the International Religion Education Committee. Rafi is a nearly weekly Torah reader at Bnai Tikvah. Rafi has an older sister, Bashe, who is on a gap year in Israel. Rafi's father, Bruce, is entering his 23rd year as the Cantor of Congregation B'nai Tikvah. Rafi's mother, Stacey, is a Care Manager at Humana. Rafi is very excited and proud to be receiving this honor.



# בני תקוה בבי תקוה אם MEN'S CLUB MAN OF THE YEAR

# LARRY COHEN



Larry,

You are:

A healer during the most difficult times for so many.

A leader of Jewish prayer and music.

A persistent optimist, always seeing the best in those around you.

A friend to all.

The foundation of our family.

Beloved and cherished as a husband and father.

Most of all, a true mensch!

MAZEL TOV on this honor! We are so proud of you today, and always!

All our love,

Dot, Margot, Elliot, Gary, Chelsea & Dax





Mazel Tov to Carry Cohen for being honored as Man of the Year! Mazel Tov to Rafi Rockman for being honored as Youth of the Year!

From the longest running Chavurah at CBT (established 1994): The Binders, Levins, Safeers, Talmuds, & Wegs





Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs North NJ Region Congratulates and celebrate for 2022

# Larry Cohen



CBT Men's Club Man of the Year

And

# Rafi Rockman



CBT Youth of the Year

Mazel Tov and Yasher Koach!!!





## Congratulations and Mazel Tov! We celebrate both of you!

# Larry Cohen



CBT 2022 Men's Club Man of the Year

# Rafi Rockman



**CBT 2022 Youth of the Year** 

Congregation B'nai Tikvah Board of Directors



 $Our \cdot heartiest \cdot Mazel \cdot Tov \cdot on \cdot this \cdot$ 

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Way·to·go·Larry·and·Rafi!¶

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Love, Gale and Ruth Anne#

#### Larry-

Congratulations on being selected CBT Men's Club
Man of the Year!!

Just keep being you.

All the best,

Stuart, Rene, Benjamin, and Jason Brenner



#### Congregation Torat El (Oakhurst)



Gregg Taffet grew up in Colonia and graduated from Rutgers University. He has been a member of Congregation Torat El for 28 years. Gregg is in his sixth year as President of the CTE Men's Club. He is going to serve in the position until he gets it right! He credits his parents for giving him a strong sense of charity and service to others. He leads by example: volunteering and doing, and thus encouraging others to participate with their time and energy, too. The word "No" is not in his vocabulary. He is most proud to be associated with the core 12 men on his Board, as well as to be supported by the wonderfully involved Rabbi Schonbrun.

Gregg feels strongly in establishing consistency, holding a board meeting, and at least one scheduled event monthly.

The CTE Men's Club is charitable, welcoming and fraternal, while supporting Cong Torat El thru ritual events that have Jewish Men (and often Women) engaging and socializing. The year culminates with a substantial annual gift to the temple.

Gregg lives in Tinton Falls with his Wife Alissa. He has one son, Ryan who is married to Tori, and a grandson, Elliot. He is the VP of Maximum Quality Foods, in Linden, NJ. In his spare time he enjoys boating and fishing out of the Sandy Hook Area on the Jersey Shore, as well as rooting for the Mets and Jets.



**Coby Dov Fields** was born in Hoffman Estates, Illinois, and spent the first six months of his life in Gurnee, Illinois. He moved to Toms River, New Jersey, where he lived until he was twelve, and now resides in Ocean Township, New Jersey.

Coby Dov is a Junior, dually enrolled, at Ocean Township High School (OTHS) and the Monmouth County Career Center. Coby received an academic letter as a Sophomore when he was named a Spartan Scholar. In addition, he received a varsity letter as Assistant Manager of the OTHS Boys Basketball Team. Coby has been elected as Sophomore and Junior Representative to the OTHS Student Council.

Coby is always ready to lend a helping hand. At Beachwood Elementary School, he was a safety patrol officer and is always the first one to come in for the assist, whether in the classroom, in the synagogue, or on the basketball court. He is a Madrich (helper) in the Congregation Torat El (CTE) Religious School and enrolled in CTE Hebrew High School. Coby loves attending Services at Congregation Torat El, and can always be found assisting Rich the Custodian with Kiddish, or greeting people at the CTE entrance, with Rich and the Security Guard. Everyone knows Coby and he makes friends wherever he goes, because of his kind, gentle demeanor, and his friendly, outgoing disposition.

Coby spends his summers at Ramah Sports Academy, playing baseball and basketball. He is active in HaGalil United Synagogue Youth (USY) and in 2021-2022 served as Hagalil Israel Chapter Connection Chair. Coby loves football, baseball, basketball, hockey, and pretty much any sport, and especially loves watching his New York Sports teams. He has attended nearly a dozen NASCAR races, and even once sat in Kyle Busch's race car. Coby is a strong Zionist, and has visited Israel several times. Coby's parents, Rabbi Ellen S. Wolintz-Fields and Jonathan Fields, and his siblings, Cameron Elizabeth and Samuel Peretz, are very proud of the incredible *mensch* Coby Dov is, and *kvelling* that he has received the honor of Youth of the Year.



## MAZEL TOV

GREGG TAFFET
MAN OF THE YEAR

COBY FIELDS
YOUTH OF THE YEAR

AND ALL OF THE HONOREES



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#### Congregation Torat El ~ Jersey Shore Jewish Center Oakhurst, NJ

## Congregation Torat El Men's Club

is pleased to recognize our

# 2022 FJMC honorees:

## **Gregg Taffet**

Man of the Year

&

# **Coby Dov Fields**

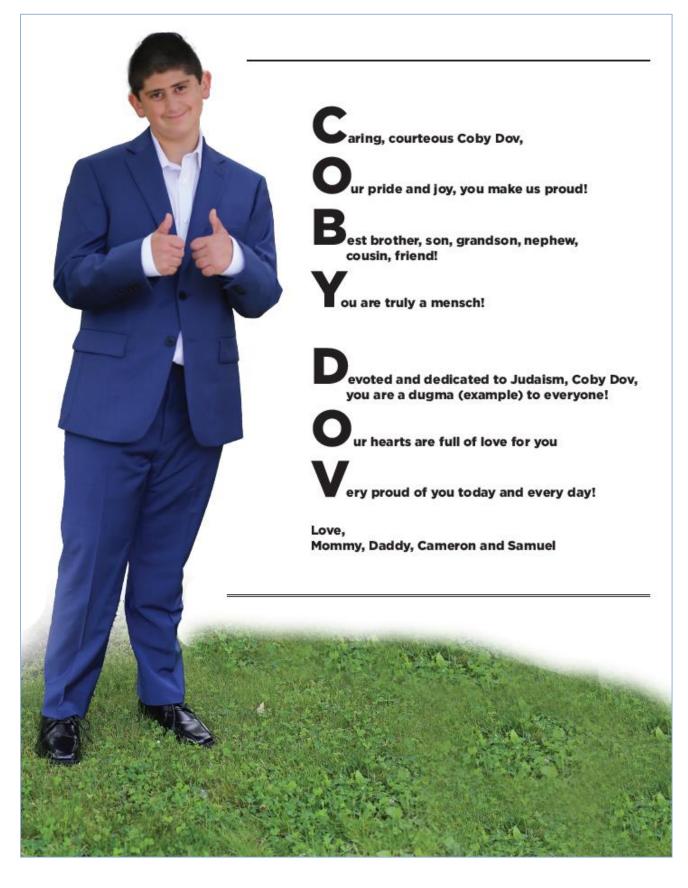
Youth of the Year

# Mazel Tov and Yasher Koach

We are so proud of you and your achievements

Thank you for all that you do to enrich our Temple Family of Families









# Mazal Tov and Yasher Koach to Gregg Taffet CTE Man of the Year and

Coby Fields
CTE Youth of the Year

Thanks for all you do for our 'family of families'

Congregation Torat El Sisterhood



#### Temple Beth El (Somerset)



Gregg Foster grew up in Livingston where his parents George and Shirlee were founding members of Temple Beth Shalom. Through Hebrew school, his Bar Mitzvah and services there he built his insight to the importance of the religious community. When Gregg and his wife Laurie moved to Somerset, they joined Temple Beth El for a sense of cohesion and socialization. Gregg got involved with the Men's Club early on helping out where needed. From helping in the kitchen for Latkes, Succah building/take down and other events, Gregg was there. He even had a stint playing for the softball team. He served on the Men's Club Executive Board and then as the Men's Club President.

Gregg had a thirty-four-year career in television, winning Emmy and Telly awards. He worked on various productions at WWOR-TV including the News, the NY Mets broadcasts, The Howard Stern Show, The Morton Downey Show and The Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon. Gregg has been the Media Supervisor for the Times Square New Year's Eve Ball Drop, Producer for The Tim McCarver Show and Producer/Director for the James Brown Show. In 2017, after seven years at ABC editing for Good Morning America, Gregg had a traumatic Brain Injury and retired.

Since then Gregg has more time to help the Temple Beth El Men's Club and is back on the executive Board. He has volunteered to do videos for a local JCC and a local farm. He now has more time to spend with his grandchildren Shea and Dominick, his son Brett and wife Angelica; grandchildren Everly and Beckham, his son Marc and wife Lindsay. His new puppy Teddy is his latest project.





# Gregg Foster

For your many years of dedicated service!

You have always been our man and are now the Men's Club Man of the Year too!

Your soul shines through all that you do.

L'CHA!M!

Love, Randy & Bert, Mollie & JC, Ella & Julia



# Mazel Tov, we are so proud of our Man of the Year.

Gregg/Dad/Grandpa you will always be the man of the year in our hearts, you are the best, always putting others first.

Thank you for all that you do.

We love you,

Laurie

Marc and Lindsay

Brett and Angelica

Shea and Everly and Dominick and Beckham

Rilo and Dwight and Gizmo and Teddy



#### Mazel Tov and Yasher Koach to Gregg Foster,

#### Temple Beth El's 2022 Man of the Year.

Congratulations Gregg and thank you so much for all the work you've done to help our Men's Club, our Temple Beth El, and our Somerset Community.

From the help you've given us in the Kitchen to the work you've done in getting our Zoom wireless system running smoothly we appreciate your dedication and devotion to our Synagogue. We are so proud and happy to have you as our 2022 honoree, and wish you the best in the future.

Your Somerset Temple Beth El Family and Friends,

**Betsy Antonoff** Chuck and Ellen Engelhart Scott Fink and Michelle Carlisle Lori and Mark Friedman Rabbi Eli Garfinkel and Naomi Lasky Debbie, Marty, Beckie, and Kelly Goldman Jeff and Iris Green Rob and Nancy Greenfield Marc and Martha Hilton Darryl, Lana, and Daniel Jayson Sy and Edi Mayerson Rob and Jodi Meier Elliott and Mara Sacks Carol Schreiber Andy and Debbie Sheffrin Michael and Hilde Steinberg Rick and Geri Weitz



# YASHER KOACH & CONGRATULATIONS to our most deserving 2023 honoree:

Gregg thank you for decades-long devotion to our Men's Club and Temple.

We hope to keep cooking with you and "zooming" with you for many years to come. This honor is long past due, and we wish you and your family all the best in the future.

## **Gregg Foster**

MAN OF THE YEAR



Mazel Tov!
TEMPLE BETH EL OF SOMERSET
MEN'S CLUB
SOMERSET, NJ



# Our very own Emmy Award Winning Executive Producer

# **Gregg Foster**

### Man of the Year

A well-deserved honor

from your Shabbos Dinner Group

Joe Bell

Bennett Levine & Arlyne Leviten

Jodi & Rob Meier

Karen & David Natkow

Helene Osman

Sari & Bob Persily

Carol Schreiber



GREGG,

### YOU ARE THE MAN OF THEYEAR EVERY YEAR!

MAZEL TOV ON THIS WELL-DESERVED HONOR

PHYLLIS AND KAL MILLER

# Gregg Foster

Thanks for all your help and Thanks for being a mensch!

Temple Beth El of Somerset Sisterhood



#### Congregation B'nai Israel (Toms River)



Michael Collins: a native of London, England, he was raised orthodox. After graduating high school he then went on to study at London Polytechnic. Michael then left for America and found his very first home at the New York City YMHA. He continued his studies at the famed Fashion Institute of Technology and then spent many years working in that city's garment industry.

"After marrying the love of his life" Elaine, the couple moved to Suffern, NY where they lived for forty six years and raised their three children.

Michael joined Congregation Son's of Israel and served in many capacities. Starting as the Youth Group Director in 1965 with six members, seven years later there were sixty six. Then he later became Mens Club President and then

Congregation President. He then served as co-chair of the Ritual Committee.

In 2011 the Collins's moved to Toms River. They looked for their Shul first, and then for a house. Attending Morning Minyan and Shabbos services and joining the Men's Club, he became involved where he experienced "team work at its best." Michael introduced the Super Bowl Pool and Party fundraiser. Later he chaired the Men's Club Shabbat. This gave him the opportunity to do the occasional D'var Torah.

Michael enjoys reading, playing bridge and loves being challenged by a good jigsaw puzzle.

He is humbled to receive this honor and joining past honorees from CBI, and is "grateful to the Shul and Men's Club for its warmth and character."

Michael thinks that we often take for granted the very things that most deserve our gratitude, and is thankful for the quality of life with which he has been blessed.

P.S.: Michael and Elaine are the proud grandparents of eight grandchildren.





Brandon Dean has grown up at Congregation B'nai Israel where he attended Nursery School and Talmud Torah, became a Bar Mitzvah and was involved in Tzofim and Kadima. He actively participates in Hebrew High School and is currently USY President. His maternal great grandparents were founding members of Congregation B'nai Israel and his paternal grandparents are Holocaust survivors. As a result, he has a very strong connection to Judaism and is proud to carry on the Jewish traditions (L'dor V'dor) as the 5th generation of his family to be a part of the Toms River synagogue community. Brandon has been instrumental in raising money for charitable organizations and assisting with the production of documentation of Holocaust survivors.

Brandon is a graduate of The Solomon Shechter Day School of Greater Monmouth County - known today as The Hebrew Academy of New Jersey. He attends Jackson Liberty High School where he is an honor student and a 3 sport Varsity athlete. In addition, Brandon loves to spend his summers as a swim coach and sailing instructor.

Brandon is very honored to be recognized as Congregation B'nai Israel's Youth of the Year. He looks forward to attending college next Fall and intends to continue his involvement in Jewish organizations.





Jordyn Touitou is a senior vocalist attending Grunin Performing Arts Academy (PAA) in Toms River, N.J. She has been an active member of the Vocal Cohort for the past three years as well as an active member of the International Thespian Society. Jordyn is proud to be a member of the National Honor Society as well as a member and leader of the Black Box Players for the past four years. She continues to enjoy her position as co editor in chief on the yearbook committee during her senior year.

Jordyn loves to sing and act and has performed in many of her school musicals and local theatre group performances. She is currently the costume director of her school play Clue and is very excited with her upcoming performance playing Hodel in Fiddler on the Roof in Holmdel's

community theatre organization Pivot Theatre Company.

Jordyn has been an active participant in the Hebrew High Program at CBI, and proud member of the Toms River USY chapter. Currently she holds the position of Co-President along with Brandon Dean where she is responsible to help plan events and communicate upcoming programs and opportunities encouraging fellow students and synagogue youth to partake in.

Jordyn never misses an opportunity to sing accompanied by her sister Arielle on the piano, with her younger sister Danielle by her side. She makes her parents Jacey and Michael very proud of all her many accomplishments and her upstanding moral compass. She brings us all, including her grandparents Sydelle and Arthur much love, joy and "nachat."

In her spare time she loves to online shop, see Broadway shows and concerts, and hang out with her friends and family.

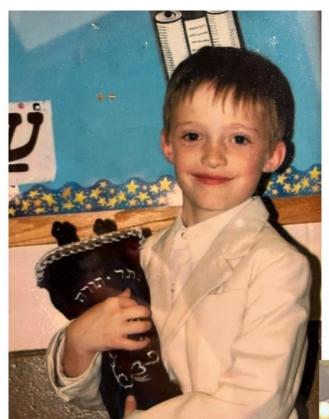
She is excited to start her college experience next year hoping to pursue a career in fashion marketing and merchandising.

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# Mazel Tov To All The Honorees

Especially Brandon Dean



We love you and are so proud of you!





# MAZEL TOV

# Michael, Brandon & Jordyn

Thank you for all you do for Congregation B'nai Israel and our community.

David, Lauren, Adam, Ethan & Eli Rosen



Tomo River USY Co-Presidents

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#### 2022-2023 NNJR Executive Board

The members of the Executive Board of NNJR meet regularly to coordinate regional and national programs including the Man of the Year & Youth of the Year Celebration, FJMC Yellow Candle distribution, World Wide Wrap, FJMC Biennial Convention, Quad Region Retreat, Region Presidents Installation, and more. They also liaison with our Region's Men's Clubs to share information, best practices, speakers, and support. To find out more, contact any of us or visit <a href="mailto:nnjr.org">nnjr.org</a>.



#### 2022/5783 NNJR Man of the Year Celebration Committee

Thank you for participating in this year's Man of the Year & Youth of the Year Celebration, viewing the program, contributing ads to support the programs of NNJR and our Men's Clubs, and celebrating the contributions that our honorees make to our communities.

Thank you to our Club Presidents and MOY Chairmen, who coordinate the selection of our honorees, sell ads for this tribute journal, coordinate the video presentations, and invite our community to celebrate.

Thank you to our NNJR Man of the Year Celebration Committee who worked tirelessly to plan this year's Celebration, coordinate the club presentations, collect the honoree bios and photos, and assemble this year's program video and this tribute journal. A special thanks to Mike Keats, Marty Schenker and Steve Harkavy for their expertise in coordinating and constructing this year's video presentation - it would not have been possible without them.

Yasher Koach!

David Mandell, Chair

