

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



2023/5784
Man of the Year & Youth of the Year
34th 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 34th 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.



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Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs

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Order of Ceremonies - Southern Clubs NNJR Celebration

January 7, 2024

Welcome from Chair, 5784 Man of the Year Celebration

Michael Keats, NNJR Vice President, Temple Sholom (Bridgewater)

The Star-Spangled Banner, Hatikvah

Cantor Michelle Teplitz, Marlboro Jewish Center (Marlboro)

Cantor Bruce Rockman, Congregation B'nai Tikvah (North Brunswick)

Mincha Service

Dave Mandell, NNJR Past President, East Brunswick Jewish Center (E. Brunswick)

D'var Torah

Rabbi Michael Pont, Marlboro Jewish Center (Marlboro)

Welcoming Remarks from NNJR President

David Julis, East Brunswick Jewish Center (East Brunswick)

Welcoming Remarks from FJMC

Alan Budman, FJMC International President, Temple Sinai (Dresher, PA)

Presentation of Distinguished Service Award

Lance Adelson, NNJR Past President, Marlboro Jewish Center (Marlboro)

Presentation of Club Honorees

Larry Klioze, NNJR Exec VP, Highland Park Cons. Temple - CAE (Highland Park)

Temple Beth Ahm (Aberdeen)

Temple Sholom (Bridgewater)

East Brunswick Jewish Center (East Brunswick)

Beth El Synagogue (East Windsor)

Highland Park Conservative Temple – Congregation Anshe Emeth (Highland Park)

Marlboro Jewish Center (Marlboro)

Neve Shalom (Metuchen)

Congregation B'nai Tikvah (North Brunswick)

Congregation Torat El (Oakhurst)

Congregation Temple Beth El (Somerset)

Congregation B'nai Israel (Toms River)

Introduction of NNJR Man of the Year

Michael Keats, 2022 NNJR Man of the Year, Temple Sholom (Bridgewater)

Remarks from the NNJR Man of the Year

Len Whitman, NNJR Vice President, Marlboro Jewish Center (Marlboro)

Closing Remarks from Chair, 5784 Man of the Year Celebration

Michael Keats, Temple Sholom (Bridgewater)

Honoree Group Photo

Steve Chernela, Congregation B'nai Tikvah (North Brunswick)



Order of Ceremonies - Northern Clubs NNJR Celebration

January 21, 2024

Welcome from Chair, 5784 Man of the Year Celebration

Michael Keats, NNJR Vice President, Temple Sholom (Bridgewater)

The Star-Spangled Banner, Hatikvah

Cantor Sharon Knoller, Temple Beth Shalom (Livingston)

Emersyn Teicher, Congregation Beth Israel (Scotch Plains)

Mincha Service

Ari Kampel, NNJR Trustee, B'nai Shalom (West Orange)

D'var Torah

Rabbi David Fine, Temple Israel and JCC (Ridgewood)

Welcoming Remarks from NNJR President

David Julis, East Brunswick Jewish Center (East Brunswick)

Welcoming Remarks from FJMC

Bruce Tomar, FJMC First Vice President, Beth El Synagogue (Margate City, NJ)

Presentation of Distinguished Service Award

Peter Gotlieb, NNJR Past President, Temple Beth Shalom (Livingston)

Presentation of Club Honorees

Larry Klioze, NNJR Exec VP, Highland Park Cons. Temple - CAE (Highland Park)

Congregation Agudath Israel (Caldwell)

Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim (Cranford)

Fair Lawn Jewish Center / Congregation B'nai Israel (Fair Lawn)

Temple Beth Shalom (Livingston)

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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

Michael Keats, 2022 NNJR Man of the Year, Temple Sholom (Bridgewater)

Remarks from the NNJR Man of the Year

Len Whitman, NNJR Vice President, Marlboro Jewish Center (Marlboro)

Closing Remarks

Michael Keats, Temple Sholom (Bridgewater)

Honoree Group Photo

Steve Chernela, Congregation B'nai Tikvah (North Brunswick)

NNJR Man of the Year Biography & Congratulations

Len Whitman

Marlboro Jewish Center (Marlboro)



Leonard Whitman is married to Erika and they have three children that they are very proud of, Harrison, Madison and Elizabeth. A life-long resident of Marlboro, NJ, he has been active at Marlboro Jewish Center with both the Men's Club and the Board of Trustees. He served as president of the MJC Men's Club from 2011 to 2016 and as president of the synagogue from July 2018 to June 2020. At the club level, Len enjoys building Sukkahs, cooking latkes at the Hebrew School Hannukah party, teaching tefillin to the 6th graders through the "Build-a-pair" program, delivering Purim baskets and Yellow Candles and, of course, Steak and Scotch

dinners. At the regional level, he has served as Treasurer from 2016 to 2021 and is currently the Rosh of the southern district. His favorite regional activities are the Man of the Year celebrations and the biennial regional retreat, which is coming up this summer in June of 2024.

In the past he has volunteered with the CERT team in Marlboro and the Habitat for Humanity in Middlesex and Monmouth counties. By day, Leonard is a Certified Public Accountant and a partner at a CPA firm in East Brunswick NJ and enjoys helping individuals and small businesses. In his spare time Leonard enjoys science fiction and cooking on his smoker.



NNJR Distinguished Service Award

Biography & Congratulations

Jerry Siskind

Temple Beth Shalom (Livingston)



Jerry Siskind has served the Northern New Jersey Region (NNJR) of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs (FJMC) as a Trustee for many years, and more recently he served as the Region's Recording Secretary. He is a past President, Vice President for Programs, and Recording Secretary of Temple Beth Shalom of Livingston Men's Club. He was the photographer for both organizations, and for many years photographed the Region's Man of the Year Dinners (North and South).

Jerry holds Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Electrical Engineering from Carnegie-Mellon University, and has worked at Sperry Systems Management in Great Neck, LI, NY on Oceanographic submarines in the US Navy for 12 years. He worked for ITT Avionics (which split into Exelis, and is now part of Harris) for close to 25 years in two stints on Radar Jamming for all of the US military services retiring in 2016 as the Design Review Chairman. In between, he worked at Bell Laboratories (AT&T and Lucent) in Whippany on cellular base stations, and Fujitsu Network Communications in Pearl River, NY on fiberoptic communications.

While in college (and since) Jerry has worked as a photojournalist for over 50 years. His news and sports pictures have been on major national and international wire service ~1,000 times, and have appeared in LIFE, TIME, NEWSWEEK, US NEWS & WORLD REPORT, and SPORTS ILLUSTRATED. His pictures have appeared on the front page of the NY TIMES, WASHINGTON POST, PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER, NEWSDAY (Long Island), BOSTON GLOBE, and the whole back page of the NY DAILY NEWS. He was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize in Photojournalism in 1970. He covered major events including Robert Kennedy's funeral, the 1971 World Series, and Roberto Clemente's 3,000th hit (now on display in the Roberto Clemente Museum in Pittsburgh).

YASHER KOACH

TO

LEN WHITMAN

REGIONAL MAN OF THE YEAR

JERRY SISKIND

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

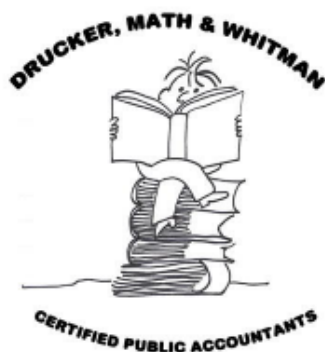
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JERRY SISKIND

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

LIZZY WHITMAN

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MJC MAN OF THE YEAR

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*****Regional Man of the Year*****

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Man of the Year

RUDY KISTE

Youth of the Year

LIZZY WHITMAN

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and the MJC Board of Trustees

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LEN WHITMAN
REGIONAL MAN OF THE YEAR

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&
SAMANTHA LIPKIN

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LEN WHITMAN

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AND TO

RUDY KISTE

ON BEING NAMED MARLBORO JEWISH CENTER
MEN'S CLUB MAN OF THE YEAR

AND TO

ELIZABETH "LIZZY" WHITMAN

ON BEING NAMED THIS YEAR'S

MARLBORO JEWISH CENTER YOUTH OF THE YEAR

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CENTER, AND IN LEN'S CASE, TO BOTH MARLBORO JEWISH
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BEING SELECTED AS THE NORTHERN NEW JERSEY
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MA'ASIM TOVIM LEN DOES FOR MARLBORO JEWISH
CENTER, IT'S MEN'S CLUB, THE NORTHERN NEW
JERSEY REGION, AND THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE.**

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NNJ Region MOY

&

JERRY SISKIND

Distinguished Service Award

and locally

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Beth El Synagogue MOY

&

Zach Miller

Beth El Synagogue YOY

**Congratulations on your honor
and thanks for all you do!**

Rob Blitzer & Family



Actions Speak Louder Than Words

Jerry Siskind

Northern NJ Region
Distinguished Service Award

Len Whitman

Northern NJ Region
Man of the Year

Christopher Block

Temple Beth Shalom Livingston
Man of the Year

**Our Thanks to these 2024 Men of the Year
for their Selfless Actions on Behalf of their
Men's Clubs and the
Broader Jewish Community**

Diane & Peter Gotlieb

To Our Blue-Ribbon RMOY



Thanks for all you do for NNJR,
Men's Club, and FJMC!

Mike Keats

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MAN OF THE YEAR

RUDY KISTE

OUR YOUTH OF THE YEAR

LIZZY WHITMAN

AND THE REGIONAL MAN OF THE YEAR

LEN WHITMAN

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AS PAST MAN OF THE YEAR HONOREES
WE WELCOME OUR FRIEND

RUDY KISTE

TO THE "CLUB"

ישר כח and מזל טוב

Congratulations to Rudy Kiste for his many years of
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Steve Landau
Jordan Podos
Jay Seliber
Wayne Sherman
Steve Solomon
Len Whitman

Allen Basis
Elliott Brown
Alan Greenberg
Jeff Katz
Rob Klepner
Paul Nebb
Rabbi Michael Pont
Howard Shafran
Allan Solomon
Robert Waldman

And we congratulate **Len Whitman** on his selection as
Regional Man of the Year!



*“Blessed are those that occupy
themselves with the needs of the
community.”*

Mazel Tov & Yasher Koach

Len Whitman

NHJR Regional Man of the Year

And

All the Other Honorees

*We honor your outstanding devotion to
Men’s Club and the Jewish community.*

David & Margot Julis

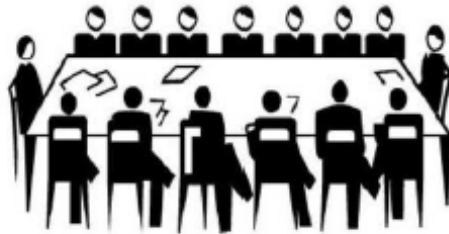


Livingston, NJ

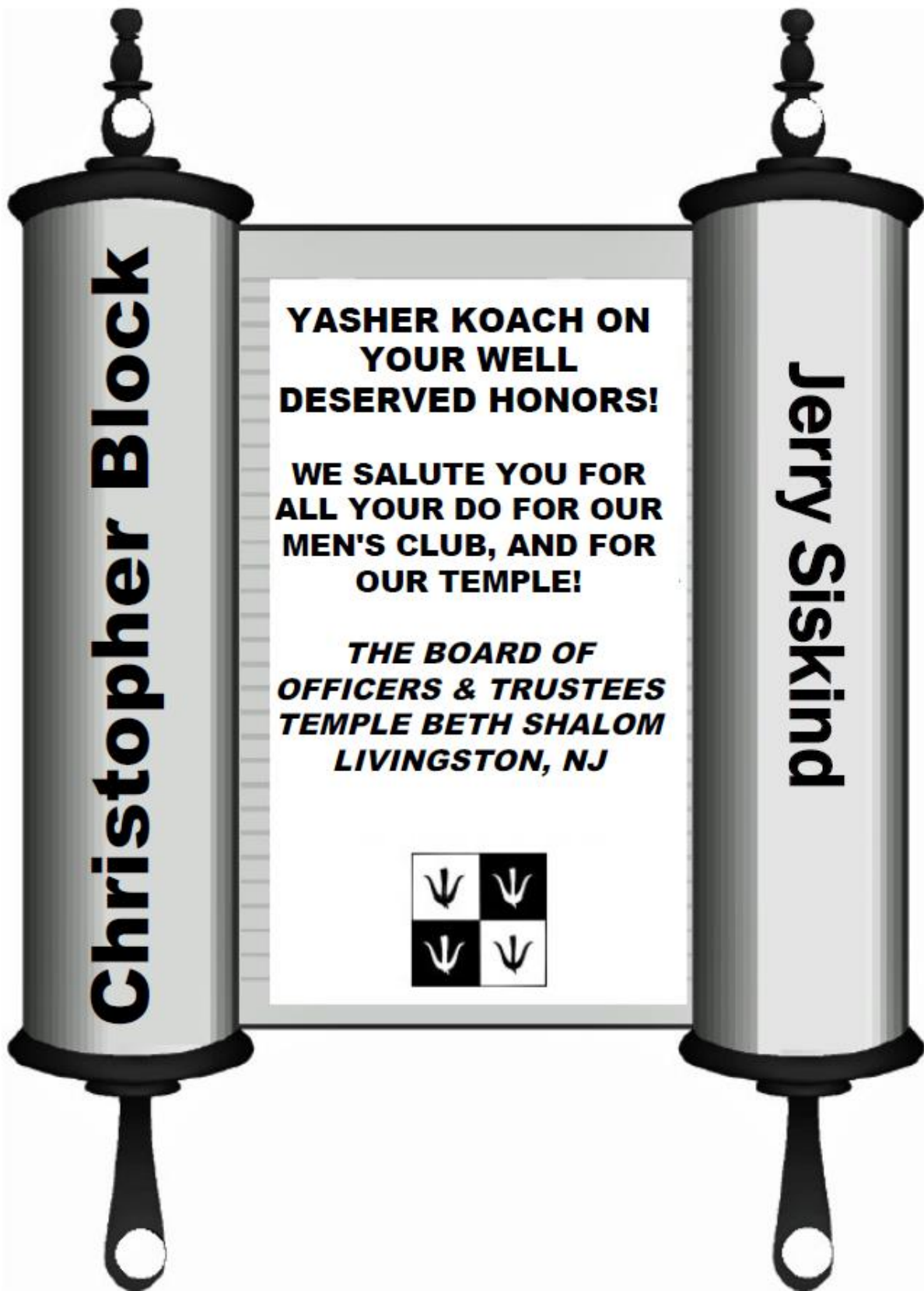
Kol Hakavod Jerry Siskind

Distinguished Service Award Recipient

**Thank you for your years
of service and dedication!**



The Officers, Trustees and Members of
Men's Club of Temple Beth Shalom





Mazel Tov and Yasher Koach

NNJR-FJMC Regional
Man of the Year

Len Whitman

Congregation B'nai Jeshurun
Man of the Year

Larry Reich

Joel and Sharon Brimmer

Congratulations Rabbi Mark, Samantha, and Len!



The Wohl Family



YASHER KOACH

To Rabbi Mark Mallach

Man of the Year

To Samantha Lipkin

Youth of the Year

To Len Whitman

Regional Man of the Year

**From Women's League of
Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael**

Yasher Koach to:



Jerry Siskind
FJMC
Distinguished
Service Award



Lisa Mayer and Barry Schwartz
Jay Jaffe
Cheryl and Ira Sessler

Congratulations to the Northern NJ Region MOY

Len Whitman

a.k.a. *Count da Money* (“de Monet! Say it... Mo – nay!”)

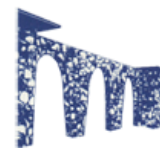


- David Millman

Southern Clubs of the Northern NJ Region

Honoree Biographies & Congratulations

Town	Synagogue	Man of the Year	Youth of the Year
Aberdeen	Temple Beth Ahm	Richard Robinson	Nate Sandler
Bridgewater	Temple Sholom	Walter Yosafat	
East Brunswick	East Brunswick Jewish Center	Joe Goldman	Maya Sarit Baskind
East Windsor	Beth El Synagogue	Jonathan Schaffel	Zachary Miller
Highland Park	Highland Park Conservative Temple - Congregation Anshe Emeth	Al Davis	Katriela Nelkin
Marlboro	Marlboro Jewish Center	Rudy Kiste	Elizabeth Whitman
Metuchen	Neve Shalom	Neil Stein	Benjamin Alter
North Brunswick	Congregation B'nai Tikvah	Terry Katz	Jordyn Weintraub
Oakhurst	Congregation Torat El	Mark Engel	Aviva Schonbrun
Somerset	Temple Beth El	Ben Dancyger Josh Grill	
Toms River	Congregation B'nai Israel	Cantor Daniel Green	



Temple Beth Ahm (Aberdeen)

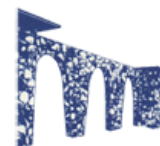


Rick Robinson has served Temple Beth Ahm in many ways. He is currently the Chairman of the Board of Trustees. He has served on the Board of Trustees for a total of twelve years and the Executive Committee for six years. Rick has served on the Rabbi Liaison Committee and the Ritual Committee where he served as Co-Chair for three years. He served on two different Rabbi Search Committees as well as on two different High Holiday Cantor Search Committees. He has been on the Nominating Committee for many years and served as chair several times. Rick is currently TBA's High Holiday Co-Chair and serves on the High Holiday Honors Committee. He has served on several of TBA's Fundraising Committees over the years. He always enjoys being part of the kitchen cleaning crew preparing for Passover at TBA.

Rick was thrilled to have been chosen as Chattan Torah (Groom of the Torah) in 2013. You can see Rick at shul often, giving out honors on Shabbat morning, chanting the occasional Haftorah, helping to set up or clean up from synagogue programs, selling 50/50's and Men's Club tee shirts, or just attending meetings.

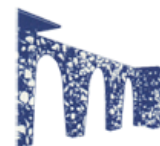
Rick became a member TBA's Men's Club when it was restarted in 2010 and joined the Men's Club Board in 2012. He has served in several capacities including Religion and Education Chair, Programming Chair, Vice President and was Club President from 2016 to 2018. He is still an active Men's Club Board member and has coordinated many Men's Club Shabbat services and our World Wide Wrap events alongside other Men's Club Board members and volunteers.

In his personal life Rick has been employed with Hayward Holdings for the past 36 years and has been married to his wonderful wife Allison for 30 years. Rick is proud to call Temple Beth Ahm his second home and loves all the contributions that our Men's Club makes to improve the membership experience for all who come to our shul.



Nate Sandler: I consider myself fortunate to have had Temple Beth Ahm as my warm and welcoming home as a young member of the Jewish community. For as far as I can remember, TBA has helped me pursue both my secular interests and my studies in Hebrew and Judaism. I enjoyed spending time with my TBA friends while attending the Hebrew School, and I was also able to pursue my passions for sports and other extracurricular activities while still doing well academically. I have lots of memories of showing up to events wearing my soccer uniform and leaving early to get to my games. I'm so lucky that I was able to attend a religious school that also allowed me to grow in other areas of my life.

I graduated TBA Religious School in 2019. After celebrating my Bar Mitzvah at TBA, I have continued my commitment to the Religious School by being a school aide, working in the office, helping the teachers and students wherever I can, and assisting with the temple's Garden of Hope. This experience has helped me in my commitment to being a good student, making honor roll and inducted into the National Honor Society, and being a Peer Leader in the Peer Leadership program at Old Bridge High School. Temple Beth Ahm will always be a place of happy memories with family and friends.



**MAZEL TOV TO OUR FAVORITE
MAN OF THE YEAR**

RICHARD ROBINSON

**For your endless devotion to Temple Beth Ahm
and our family. Yasher Koach!**



We love you!

Allison, Jackie, Ryan, Emily and Nicole

**We would also like to wish a hearty Mazel Tov to
Temple Beth Ahm's Youth of the Year, Nate Sandler!**



TEMPLE BETH AHM

MAZEL TOV

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

Richard Robinson

the Men's Club Man of the Year!

We also wish Mazel Tov to

Nate Sandler

the Men's Club Youth of the Year!



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Mazel Tov to

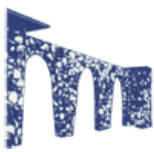
Richard Robinson

on the well-deserved honor.

Your dedication to your
community,
family, and
friends

is an inspiration to all.

Jennifer and Joel Shulman



Congratulations
to

Temple Beth Ahm Men's Club
Man of the Year



Richard Robinson

From the Seidman Family

Florida - New Jersey - New York



Mazal Tov to
Temple Beth Ahm's
Man of the Year

RICK ROBINSON!

This honor is well deserved!

Your tireless effort and dedication to our Men's Club and synagogue community is unparalleled!

You always give from the heart and build strong, personal relationships along the way.

This group is proud to both work with you on many committees and boards and call you a friend.

Judy & Gary Albertson

Stacy & Dom Neglio

Ruth & Rob Goldfarb

Barbara & Brad Safer

Gayle & Andy Goldner

Debbie & Neil Shanin

Laura & Nate Goldwasser

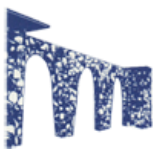


CONGRATS
RICK ROBINSON



Man of the Year
2024!

Iris, Howard, Sarah and
Ben Schornstein



Mazel Tov Nate

You continue to amaze us with
everything you do.

Mazel Tov on this accomplishment!

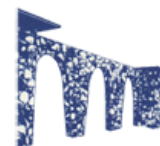
We are so proud of you!

We look forward to all you
will achieve in the future.

We love you so much!

Love you always,
Mom, Dad, Caden,
Grammy, Poppy, Bubbie, and
your Aunts, Uncles, and
Cousins





Temple Beth Ahm of Aberdeen Men's Club congratulates



Rick Robinson
2023 MAN OF THE YEAR

Founding Men's Club Member
Men's Club Past President & Current Board Member
Men's Club Ritual and Education VP
Temple Beth Ahm Chairman of the Board
High Holiday Chair
Multiple Temple Committee Member
Continuous Supporter of Temple, Religious School, & Preschool

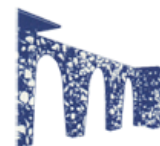
Mazel Tov to the Robinson and Sandler Families



Nate Sandler
2023 YOUTH OF THE YEAR

Religious School Teacher's Aide
Preschool Volunteer
TBA Volunteer
Garden of Hope Volunteer for Food Pantry
Just4kixs Soccer Volunteer
Multiple Honor Societies
Old Bridge Track & Field Athlete
Peer Leadership Program—Old Bridge HS





**CONGRATULATIONS
TEMPLE BETH AHM MEN'S CLUB
FEDERATION OF JEWISH MEN'S CLUB
2023-2024 HONOREES**

RICHARD ROBINSON

MAN OF THE YEAR

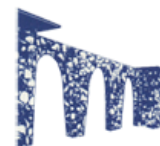
NATE SANDLER

YOUTH 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**



Kol hakavod to Rick Robinson
and to Nate Sandler on your
well-deserved honors!

The Cooperman Family

Congratulations to our Man of The Year

Rick Robinson

and our Youth of The Year

Nate Sandler

An Honor well deserved. Thank you for all you do
to make Temple Beth Ahm of Aberdeen, the warm
and welcoming place it is and continues to be.

*Best Wishes,
Ivan and Carol Sokoloff*



Mazel Tov to our dear friend Richard Robinson "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 Nate Sandler "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! Keep up the good work as a leader for Jewish Youth!! Good luck in all your future endeavors.

May you all go from strength to strength!

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



Rick Robinson

TBA Men's Club 2023 Man of the Year

and

Nate Sandler

TBA Men's Club 2023 Youth 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 Arbutal

Temple Sholom (Bridgewater)



Walter (Wally) Yosafat was born in Cincinnati Ohio on September 14, 1960 to Matt (z"l) and Ann Yosafat, Holocaust child survivors from Greece and Germany, respectively. His childhood, teenage, high school and college years were spent in Finneytown, a suburb of Cincinnati and the University of Cincinnati where he earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Quantitative Analysis and a minor in Judaic Studies. He served as Treasurer of Congregation B'nai Avraham and taught music in Hebrew school through college. Upon graduation, he worked for IBM in Poughkeepsie, NY. Late in 1984, he moved back to Cincinnati, joined Procter & Gamble and met his wonderful wife, Denise. With Denise, he continued to live in Cincinnati and in 1993, they with their 1st son, Jake, and Denise

pregnant with Ariella, moved to Kobe, Japan where Ariella was born. Moving back to Cincinnati in 1996, their 2nd son Dylan was born, Walter joined GE as Chief Information Officer (CIO) of the Aircraft Engines Services business and then in August, 2001, they moved to Bridgewater NJ, joined Temple Sholom and Walter went to work as CIO of American Standard / Trane and several jobs since then. Walter served, as did Denise, on the board of Temple Sholom and has been President of JFS of Somerset, Hunterdon and Warren Counties. He was a key leader in bringing to life the JCC in Bridgewater's Holocaust Memorial and Education Center. He currently serves on the executive board and board of the Jewish Community Foundation of Mercer County and professionally is the Principal Consultant of WAYITForward, LLC and as such, serves on a consultancy basis as the Interim CIO of Capri Holdings.

Walter credits his parents, Denise and their 36-year marriage, Jake (now married to Larissa and parents to his first grandchild, Olive), Ariella (and her life partner, Nir), Dylan and his close friends for the many blessings and opportunities he has been given to lead and help in a number of professional and personal, for profit and nonprofit causes. His love of family, religion, sports, travel and many things Cincinnati drives him and he feels honored, grateful and blessed again to have the Man of the Year award bestowed on the Yosafat name.



MAZEL TOV, WALLY!

Kol HaKavod to Wally Yosafat
on this well-deserved honor.
Your efforts, time, presence,
expertise, and wisdom are all
much appreciated!

תודה תבה!

Rabbi Dan, Rabbi Cece,
and all of your friends at
Temple Sholom

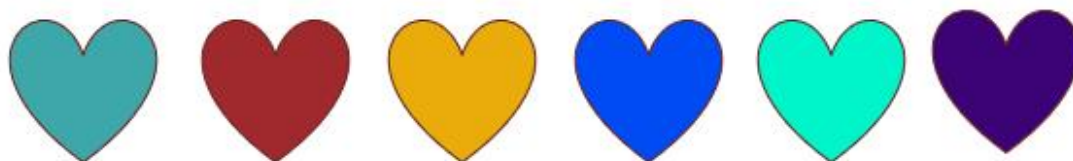


WALLY

**For us, you're ALWAYS
Man of the Year**



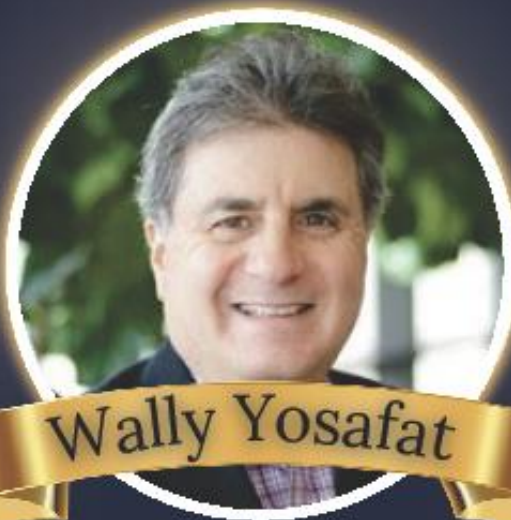
**Love you dearly and Mazel Tov on being recognized for
the wonderful person you are!**





Temple Sholom
is **VERY** proud
to celebrate our

Man of the Year
2023



Wally Yosafat

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

Mazel Tov to all of the honorees!



Temple Sholom
Bridgewater, NJ
www.templeholomnj.org



Temple Sholom's Man of the Year Society

חברה של איש השנה

Congratulates Our Honoree:

Wally Yosafat – Man of the Year

Thanks for your efforts and the example you set for our community!

Congratulations

Wally

for an honor well deserved!

Sandy and Harold Krawitz



**Congratulations
Wally Yosafat
Temple Sholom Man of the Year 2023
Your honor is so well deserved.
Yasher Koach!
From
Linda and Allan Halperin**

East Brunswick Jewish Center (East Brunswick)



Joe Goldman has been a member of East Brunswick Men's Club for 30 years. During these years Joe has been religious vice president, program vice president and trustee. He has chaired many events over the years such as political debates and annual trips to Trenton Thunder baseball games.



Hi! I'm **Maya Baskind**. I am 15 years old and a sophomore at East Brunswick High School. I grew up at EBJC. I attended the preschool here, became a Bat Mitzvah here, graduated from the Keshet program, participated in Chaverim/Kadima, and have regularly attended services and events at EBJC with my family. This is my third year on the EBUSY board and I am currently the Vice President of Membership and Programming. I also assist our youth advisor, Erin Kaplan, with Chaverim/Kadima. Over the years, I have helped at EBJC events like the Purim carnival, babysitting during the high holidays, and a family movie night. Outside of EBJC, I volunteer with EB Youth Council and TOP Soccer, where I play soccer with kids who have special needs. I am also a peer leader with Sources Of Strength at EBHS. Other hobbies of mine include singing, acting, art, and crocheting. EBJC has always been a huge part of my life, so I'm honored to be chosen as Youth of the Year.



מזל טוב!

to

Joe Goldman

EBJC's Man of the Year

and our Youth of the Year

Maya Baskind

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

Rabbi Larry Brandspiegel

East Brunswick Jewish Center



כָּל הַמְכַבֵּד אֶת הַתּוֹרָה, גּוֹפּוֹ מְכַבָּד עַל הַבְּרִיּוֹת

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

The EBJC Monday Evening Bible Study Class honors
the FJMC Man of the Year and Youth of the Year

Joe Goldman

Man of the Year

Maya Baskind

Youth of the Year

David Anca
Ronald Berger
Irwin Bernhardt
"Sasha" Eisenberg
Laurence Goldberg
David Hoenig

Judah Landa
Bob Levine
Jules Plafker
Eric Rabinowitz
Mark Scharf
Moshe Weiss





Mazel Tov! and Koi HaKavod!

To our EBJC Man of the Year:

Joe Goldman

and our Youth of the Year:

Maya Baskind!

Thanks for all you do to make EBJC special!

Co-President Jack Goldberg

Co-President Steve Wohl

and the entire EBJC Board of Directors

Mazel Tov
and
Kol Hakavod
to
The East Brunswick Jewish Center Honorees

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

Maya Baskind
East Brunswick Jewish Center
Men's Club Youth of the Year

EBJC Mitzvah Corps



Yasher Koach! to our friends

Joe Goldman

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

Maya Baskind

on being EBJC Men's Club's 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

EAST BRUNSWICK
JEWISH CENTER



Yasher Koach and Mazel Tov!

To EBJC's Man of the Year

Joe Goldman

And to EBJC's Youth of the Year

Maya Baskind

You make EBJC a better place.

May you go from strength to strength!

Marty Hoffman

David Jalis

Bob Levine

Dave Mandell

Howard Jacobs

Neil Kosher

Dave Libowsky

Alan Migdal



Kol HaKavod! to



Joe Goldman

on being chosen as EBJC Men's Club's

Man of the Year, and

Maya Baskind

on being chosen as EBJC Men's Club's

Youth of the Year!



Thanks so much for all your efforts on our behalf!

Marc Pearl

Dov Pollak

Eric Rabinowitz

Rick Rollman

Jerry Saferstein

Lloyd Shepetin

Gerry Silver



Kol Hakavod and Mazel Tov!



To EBJC's Man of the Year

Joe Goldman



And to EBJC's Youth of the Year

Maya Baskind

We are so fortunate to have you as part of our
EBJC family!

EBJC Sisterhood

Congratulations Joe and Maya

EBJC's Man and Student of the Year

Thanks for all that you do!

Carol and Jay Landa

"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give."

*Mazel Tov and Yasher Koach
To Our EBJC Honorees*

*Joe Goldman
Man of the Year*

*Maya Baskind
Youth of the Year*

You are an inspiration to us all

David & Margot Julis

Mazel Tov To You And Your Families

*Joe Goldman,
2023 Men's Club Man-Of-The-Year*

And

*Maya Baskind,
2023 Youth-Of-The-Year*

*All Our Best Wishes For Both Of You To Move From Strength To Strength
And Success To Success-*

Anne & Matt Kaufman

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE EBJC HONOREES

JOE AND MAYA

KAREN & DAVID BLIVAISS



Congratulations Joe!

Mark and Leslie Foladare

Beth El Synagogue (East Windsor)



Jonathan Schaffel has been an active member of Beth El Synagogue and its Men's Club for the past 17 years. He served several times on the synagogue's Board of Trustees, including 2019-2021 when they implemented a set of modern security processes and COVID policies. Over the years, he has helped run the Purim Carnival, cooked for several events with the Men's Club "Essen & Fressen" team, helped produce a promotional synagogue brochure, and has been an integral volunteer for many religious, educational, and fundraising activities.

Outside of shul, Jonathan has been involved with several charitable organizations. He has raised tens of thousands of dollars for Leukemia & Lymphoma research while participating in marathons & triathlons for Team & Training.

When he lived in San Francisco, he created & directed a fun "Purim Follies" variety show at Congregation Beth Sholom which also raised thousands for charity. For several years he also helped run cleanup/construction teams for the Rebuilding Together and Habitat for Humanity organizations.

Professionally, Jonathan works as a digital marketing director for Bank of America, helping to manage several websites and digital media for their affluent investment products. He graduated from Cornell University with a Bachelor of Science in Labor Economics, and has an MBA from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Jonathan lives in West Windsor with his wife Jennifer, and two wonderful children Jeremy (16) and Jordana (11). When not working or volunteering, they can be found travelling and playing/watching soccer, someday reaching the goal of seeing a game at every MLS stadium.



Zachary Miller lives in Robbinsville and is currently a Junior at Robbinsville High School. He has been a member of Beth El Synagogue since attending Maple Stream Road Preschool there. Zach was involved in pre-Kadima and Kadima before joining USY as the Freshman Representative. For the last two years, he has been the Vice President of Social Action/Tikkun Olam. He enjoys running Coin Wars and volunteering at the Purim carnival for the religious school.

Zach has participated in the Jewish Community Youth Foundation since eighth grade. He has also been a member of the Youth Advisory Board for the organization. He is active in Gesher LeKeshet where he mentors younger students and guides them in understanding themselves and the world

around them in a Jewish light.

At his high school, Zach is President of the Jewish American Club. He loves to organize fun events like the Chanukah party while also holding meetings that help educate the students, both Jewish and non-Jewish, about Judaism, Jewish culture, the Jewish community and current events.

For his Bar Mitzvah project in 2020, Zach collected shoes for Soles4Souls, an international non-profit. The donated shoes help people in developing countries launch and sustain their own small businesses which allows them to meet their family's basic needs and disrupt the cycle of poverty. Since surpassing his original goal of collecting 25,000 pairs of shoes, he has continued to work tirelessly for the organization. His current total is over 40,000 pairs of shoes and he is still going.

Zach is very grateful for the recognition of his leadership and social action efforts and thanks the Men's Club for this award.



**WE WOULD LIKE TO
CONGRATULATE**

**JONATHAN SCHAFFEL
MAN OF THE YEAR**

**ZACHARY MILLER
YOUTH OF THE YEAR**

You both make us all proud!

**Jennifer, Jeremy and Jordana
Schaffel (and TJ)**



*Mazel Tov and
Best Wishes*

to our Man Of The Year

Jonathan Schaffel

and to our Youth Of The Year

Zachary Miller

We are very proud of you!

**The Board of Trustees of
Beth El Synagogue
East Windsor, NJ**

Mazel Tov

LEN WHITMAN!!!

NNJ Region MOY

&

JERRY SISKIND

Distinguished Service Award

and locally

Jonathan Schaffel

Beth El Synagogue MOY

&

Zach Miller

Beth El Synagogue YOY

**Congratulations on your honor
and thanks for all you do!**

Rob Blitzer & Family

Mazel Tov to

**Jonathan Schaffel
and
Zachary Miller**

**Beth El Synagogue's
Man and Youth of the Year**

**Celeste, Brian, Reina
and Stuart Albert**



MAZEL TOV, ZACHARY!

Because of your:

- *immense pride in being Jewish
- *determination to educate others about Judaism
- *dedication not only to Jewish causes but also to continuing your Bar Mitzvah project for Tikkun Olam
- *ever-expanding leadership skills
- *enthusiasm, hard work and kindness,

we are beaming with pride over
this well-deserved honor!

We love you forever and ever and always,
Mom, Dad and Jared



FIRST PLACE

Congratulations Jonathan

For winning first place in the
Men's Division – Mensch

Dave Lewanda, Eric Blum, Jake Gertsman, Josh Stopek and families



Mazel Tov, Zachary!
**We're so proud of you and your
leadership skills as well as your
dedication to helping others!**

All our love~
**Grandma, Grandpa, Aunt Lauren,
Uncle Josh, Heather and Andrew**

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



Al Davis has been extremely active in Men's Club and synagogue activities throughout his adult life. He has held, and currently holds, several positions with the International FJMC, currently serving as the Hearing Men's Voices Committee and moderating both the Yiddish Lite and Yiddish Alive FJMC Affinity Groups. He is a Past President of the Northern NJ Region of the FJMC, Past President of both the Highland Park Conservative Temple-CAE and Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah Men's Clubs. He served two terms on the FJMC Executive Committee and one term on the FJMC President's Cabinet, and continues to serve as the FJMC's Liaison to the New York Metro Region. He is a past recipient of the NNJR's Regional Man of the Year Award and was NNJR's Ma'asim Tovim Award winner in 2007. Outside of Men's Club and synagogue activities, Al is

working on getting his first novel published. He has been married to his wife, Helene, going on 48 years, and has two adult children Orin (married to Steph Hauck) and Michelle.



Katriela Nelkin has been leading mini minyan/junior congregation at HPCT-CAE weekly for three years. She is currently in the 11th grade at Golda Och Academy and spends her summers at Camp Ramah in the Berkshires. She enjoys acting in plays and musicals, sings in the Golden Ochtaves, and is the head scout for the Coderunners, GOA's robotics team. She is excited to be a returning fellow and teen leader in the Moving Tradition's Kol Koleinu Feminist Fellowship and to be participating for a second year in the Jewish Federation's Iris Teen Tzedakah program.



*The Highland Park Conservative Temple -
Congregation Anshe Emeth*

Salutes our Men's Club
Man of the Year,
Al Davis

and

Youth of the Year,
Katriela Nelkin

MAZEL TOV!

We're so proud of you! Here's to being
THE MAN this Men's Club needed.

Man Of The Year

מזל טוב

There are 2 parts to being a Jewish Leader

- Being Jewish – NAILED IT!
- Leading in a Jewish way

You may be surprised but we both agree, you nailed this one too, just wait, you'll see. There are 7 traits one needs to be a Jewish Leader, we swear you fit them all, this is not an ego feeder:

לאהוב לחבק לצחוק

- First you need to cultivate your unique character strengths – (Mussar)
- Then find and nurture a Chevruta, for this you needn't look far, HPCT-CAE Men's Club to the rescue, a hole in one, not par.
- Next you need to learn to see the forest for the trees – (Hit'orerut)
- Build a common purpose towards Tikun Olam, for you? A breeze!
- Realize, all the while, a safe space is what you make. Hearing Men's Voices comes to mind an example so poignant and clear, while opinions differ you all commit to a shared goal, a brit, my dear.
- These differing opinions prove everyone has their role; you must be creative to utilize them, don't let them sit like lumps of coal.
- The final trait's a no brainer, we both see it every day; lead with your whole self, authenticity and integrity are the way!

Alan

מזל טוב מזל טוב מזל טוב מזל טוב

Love, Hugs & Kisses,
Helene & Michelle

בְּשִׁמְעֵי אֶת־קוֹל אֱלֹהֵי אֱמֶר אֶת־מִי אֶשְׁלַח וּמִי יֵלֶךְ־לִנְּוֹ אָמַר הַנְּנִי שְׁלַח־נִי:

Then I heard the voice of my Sovereign saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me." (Isaiah 6:8)

We celebrate a man who heard a voice calling for action, and he volunteered.

הֲלֹא־חִכְמָה תִּקְרָא וְהַבִּינָה תִּמְנֶן קוֹלָהּ:

"It is Wisdom calling, Understanding raising its voice." (Proverbs 8:1)

We celebrate a man who sounds his voice in wisdom, even when others would prefer folly.

קוֹל קוֹרָא בַּמִּדְבָּר פָּנּוּ דְרָהּ הַיְשָׁרוּ בְּעַרְבָה מְסַלֵּה לְאַלְהֵינוּ:

"A voice rings out: 'Clear in the desert a road for God; level in the wilderness a highway for our God!'" (Isaiah 40:3)

We celebrate a man whose voice calls out in kiruv, paving a road to Jewish practice and spirituality.

Mazal tov to a man of many voices, who speaks out and causes others to be heard. May you hear our voice of appreciation, and may Hashem grant the best that your heart will voice.

Love, Orin & Steph

**Mazal Tov to Katriela Nelkin
on receiving the Youth of the Year Award
from the Highland Park Conservative Temple-
Congregation Anshe Emeth**

**We celebrate with pride and joy your leadership
and commitment to your synagogue community**



*With all our love, Saba and Savta
Mom and Dad, Nesya, Ami & Gami
Uncle Bob, Aunt Leora, Jon, Gabe & Eli
Aunt Alisa, Sophie, Tali & Oren
Uncle Jeff, Aunt Adena, Ezra & Kira
Uncle Aryeh, Aunt Keren, Mimi & Caleb*

Mazel Tov to the HPCT-CAE Honorees:



Man of the Year
AL DAVIS

Youth of the Year
KATRIELA NELKIN



Yasher Koachachem!

HPCT-CAE Men's Club Executive Board

Mazel Tov

to Helene's husband **Alan**

"One of the Guys"

From the Mahjong Group:

Ruth-Ann & Harold Gerr Mindy & Martin Golden

Susan & Irv Korben

Marcia Klioze

Paula & Aaron Kondioti

Man of the Year - **Alan Davis** – NNJR Men’s Clubs

It is with utmost pride and extreme pleasure that I am celebrating my brother, Alan Davis, and this wonderful, prestigious honor being bestowed upon him today! Our Jewish religion, our culture and our people are foremost in my brother’s life, and I love that he is dedicating a major portion of his time to ensuring the enhancement of Jewish life and the continuity of the Jewish people.

With my eternal love and adoration,

Eileen Davis Greenberg

January 7, 2024

Mazal Tov to



Al Davis

Welcome to “The Club within the Club”!

Sheldon Freidenreich (2022), Dan Shifrin (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), and Jerry Trub (2000)

The past recipients of the
“Man of the Year” Award from
The Highland Park Conservative Temple – Congregation Anshe Emeth

Congrats to **Al Davis**, Highland Park MOY, on a wonderful honor to a most deserving person!



Dictionary

Definitions from [Oxford Languages](#)

mensh

/men(t)SH/

noun **INFORMAL • NORTH AMERICAN**

noun: **mensh**; plural noun: **mensches**; noun: **mensh**; plural noun: **menshes**

a person of integrity and honor.

"if you want to be a real mensh, act just like **Al Davis**"

~ *David Millman*

Marlboro Jewish Center (Marlboro)



Rudy Kiste is honored to be chosen by Marlboro Jewish Center's Men's Club as Man of the Year and values the Men's Club's role in building a stronger local Jewish community while providing comradery and recreational activities to temple members. He enjoys serving the community in many capacities and leadership positions. He has been actively involved in the community through his children having been involved with managing the townships Soccer Association and Baseball program, as well as coaching various recreational sports teams through the years.

I am blessed with an amazing family that not only supports me and my chaotic schedule but makes me so proud to see their accomplishments. My wife, besides being an MJC founding family, past President of the Jewish Family Service Agency of Central NJ, former MJC board member, and various shul committees, etc., is the heart that keeps us all together. Our daughter is self-motivated in her baccalaureate studies as well as her love for dance and Harry Styles. Our son is full of life and love, and after completing his bachelor's degree will be continuing his studies towards completing a doctoral degree. I am humbled, blessed, and lucky to have them in my life.

Why describe my career as chaotic? I'm an Executive Leadership Advisor and International Affairs Consultant, focusing on Operations, Strategy, Governance, and Technology and Cybersecurity. Traveling to work typically involves flying to a remote location to provide global management expertise to companies operating in highly competitive industries. Additionally, being multi-lingual along with a reputation as a strategic thinker and thought leader adept to ever-changing delivery challenges to implement risk-based business processes and operational strategies to reduce costs and increase profit margins allows me to operate as a senior advisor to multi-national corporate boards on C-suite projects and board advisory engagements across a broad range of industry sectors. I have championed and led partnerships with Hispanic, Latino, and grassroots organizations while serving as a senior business sponsor to advance a mission to champion inclusion, equity, and diversity within firms, clients, and society.

Rudy is honored to be chosen for this year's Man of the Year award and is grateful for the MJC Men's Club which offers so much to the temple community and congratulates all the other men and youth who are being honored this afternoon.



Elizabeth Whitman is a senior at Marlboro High School. She has been a member of Marlboro Jewish Center her whole life. She attended preschool, Hebrew school, and now Hebrew high school there. Elizabeth is a Madrich at MJC and she currently helps in the kindergarten class every Sunday. Elizabeth considers herself an honorary member of the Men's Club, as she has built many sukkahs with them and participated in the Build A Pair program many times. She is also a member of BBYO and is on the board of her chapter. In her free time, Elizabeth loves to dance. She is on a competitive dance team. She is also involved in many clubs at her high school, including being editor of the school newspaper. Elizabeth would like to thank the Men's Club for this wonderful honor.



MARLBORO JEWISH CENTER

Congregation Ohev Shalom

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Yasher Koach to esteemed MJC honorees:

*****Regional Man of the Year*****

LEN WHITMAN, Past President of MJC

Man of the Year

RUDY KISTE

Youth of the Year

LIZZY WHITMAN

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

Rabbi Michael Pont

Cantor Michelle Teplitz

Dara Winston, Executive Director

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TO

LEN WHITMAN

REGIONAL MAN OF THE YEAR

JERRY SISKIND

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

RUDY KISTE AND LIZZY WHITMAN

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MAN OF THE YEAR AND YOUTH OF THE YEAR

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AS FATHER AND DAUGHTER!**



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MJC MAN OF THE YEAR

MAZEL TOV TO ALL TODAY'S HONOREES!

LOVE, THE WHITMAN FAMILY

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TO OUR WONDERFUL FRIEND

LEN WHITMAN

ON BEING NAMED THE NORTHERN NEW JERSEY
REGIONAL MAN OF THE YEAR

AND TO

RUDY KISTE

ON BEING NAMED MARLBORO JEWISH CENTER
MEN'S CLUB MAN OF THE YEAR

AND TO

ELIZABETH "LIZZY" WHITMAN

ON BEING NAMED THIS YEAR'S

MARLBORO JEWISH CENTER YOUTH OF THE YEAR

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AS PAST MAN OF THE YEAR HONOREES
WE WELCOME OUR FRIEND

RUDY KISTE

TO THE "CLUB"

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Congratulations to Rudy Kiste for his many years of
dedication to the Marlboro Jewish Center Men's Club

Lance Adelson
Eric Bonett
Michael Danziger
Larry Josephs
Wayne Kaufman
Steve Landau
Jordan Podos
Jay Seliber
Wayne Sherman
Steve Solomon
Len Whitman

Allen Basis
Elliott Brown
Alan Greenberg
Jeff Katz
Rob Klepner
Paul Nebb
Rabbi Michael Pont
Howard Shafran
Allan Solomon
Robert Waldman

And we congratulate **Len Whitman** on his selection as
Regional Man of the Year!

Neve Shalom (Metuchen)



Neil Stein has been an active member of Neve Shalom's Men's Club for many years, currently serving as Executive Vice President and former Secretary of the Club. He enjoys attending many events and can often be found lending a helping hand wherever it's needed. Whether setting up chairs and books and serving as an usher for the High Holidays, constructing the Temple's Sukkah, cooking in the kitchen at various Men's Club events, cleaning up after Community Dinners, and other synagogue support activities, he's always a call or text away. Neil believes that the Neve community benefits from a strong and energetic Men's Club.

Neil, along with his wife Michelle, and two daughters, Danielle and Ilana, set their roots as members and active congregants of Neve Shalom almost 20 years ago. It has become an important part of their lives with their two daughters celebrating their baby namings, attending pre-school and Hebrew school, having their B'not Mitzvah's at Neve, and were also very active in USY, with both serving as President of Neve's chapter. Neil grew up in Marlboro New Jersey and was a congregant of Ohev Shalom, Marlboro Jewish Center.

Neil is proud to accept his Men's Club honor and thrilled to share this with Neve Shalom Men's Club Youth of the Year, Ben Alter.



Benjamin Alter is currently a senior at John P Stevens High School in Edison, NJ. He has been a member of Neve Shalom Metuchen his whole life. Ben has been very active in the temple by spending quite a bit of time being a Torah reader, a Madrich in Neve's Religious School, and an active participant and leader in Neve's USY chapter. He currently attends Hebrew High School at Neve Shalom, in addition to being the USY liaison to Neve's Board of Directors. Ben has been an active Jewish member in his community for years through his involvement in USY, attending Saturday morning services, and visiting local Veterans homes with other Neve youth.

At his high school, Ben has participated in Marching Band (Clarinet), Jazz Band (Piano), Pit Orchestra (Piano), and small ensemble performances (Bass Clarinet), in addition to being a member of 4 National Honor Societies. He is excited to further his education in college with hopes of becoming an Environmental Engineer, while possibly minoring in Music. Ben would like to thank the Neve Shalom Men's Club for this honor in recognition of all his hard work and volunteerism throughout the years!

Neil Stein



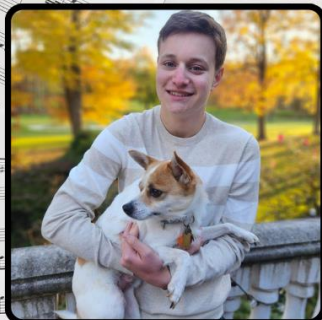
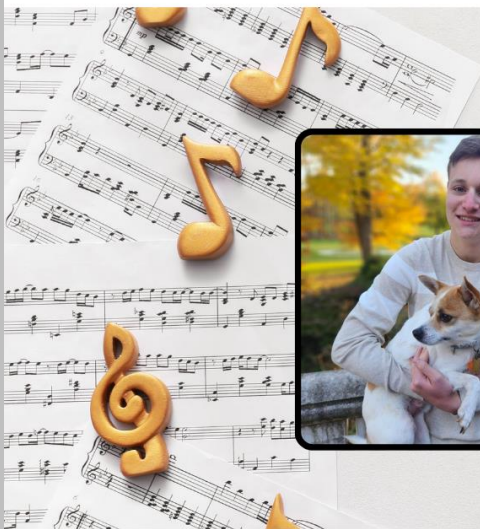
Neve Shalom
Man of the Year!



Thanks for keeping things
neat at Neve Shalom.
May you continue sharing
your blessing of spreading
warmth & laughter.



Mazel Tov! The Grubman, Kashan, Kibel, Kushner,
Schildkraut, Schneider, & Sessler Families



Ben Alter
Neve Shalom
Youth of the Year

May you continue to
hit all the right notes!



ליינער ברוך!



To



Neil Stein



Neve Shalom's Morty Fields



Man of the Year!!




May you continue to be a source of inspiration to
the Jewish Community!!!

FROM YOUR FRIENDS!

DAN & DEBRA, STEVE & AMY,
STEVE & FRAN AND JEFF & MIRIAM

CONGRATULATIONS



BENJAMIN ALTER

NEVE SHALOM'S 2023-2024

YOUTH OF THE YEAR

We admire your hard work and dedication!
You deserve every bit of praise you receive!
We love you very much!



Mom, Dad, Jonah and Marco

Congratulations to the
Neve Shalom honorees

Neil Stein
and
Ben Alter

*“Honor a man for what he is: but
honor him more for what he does.”*

Ta’anit 21b

Neil,
we are so pleased and proud to join in
celebrating this well-deserved tribute.

~ Cory & Stan Schneider



Neil,

Thank you for being our Man of the Year! Congratulations on your honor today. We are very proud of you and know you will continue to have success in all of your endeavors.

We love you!!

Michelle, Danielle and Ilana

Benjamin David Alter

Congratulations on being selected as the

2023 Youth Of The Year by your

Northern New Jersey Region - Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs

We are thrilled to see you recognized for your many remarkable achievements. Your hard work and dedication have truly paid off ! Your achievement not only reflects your exceptional abilities, but also serves as an inspiration to those around you. We have no doubt that this is just the beginning of many more successes to come.

We are so proud of you !

Love you !

Mum-Mum and Pop-Pop

Congregation B'nai Tikvah (North Brunswick)



Terry Katz is a native of Philadelphia. His family was a long-time member of Oxford Circle Jewish Community Center. Terry was active in USY, led services and read Torah. He was a member of Hillel while at Penn State for his BS in Microbiology. He was also active at Hillel while earning his Master's in Statistics from Florida State.

Terry's career has been in pharmaceutical development. Employment was with Schering-Plough, PRA International, ImClone Systems/Eli Lilly, Merck, and now at Daiichi Sankyo. Terry has built and managed international departments in Biostatistics, Statistical Programming and Data Management. He has always been based in NJ but oversaw staff and projects in Nebraska, Kansas, France, Germany, The Netherlands, Japan and China. Primary

therapeutic areas are Oncology and Veterinary, and additional projects in Cardiovascular, Pulmonary, Dermatology and Gastrointestinal conditions.

Terry married Sylvia Shore, also originally from Philadelphia. They joined B'nai Tikvah under Rabbi Warmflash. Their 2 children, Andrew and Marisa, attended religious school at B'nai Tikvah, Kindergarten through Chai School. Marisa even went to pre-school here! Terry has been a long-time member of Men's Club and is a lead for raising and razing the sukkot. He has also volunteered to set up and take down high holiday seating, setup and parking at the Rejoice festivals, wire the outdoor Chanukkiah, assist with cooking for Purim Carnival, and tape the gym floor for pickleball. He played with the Men's Club softball team for many years, joined the golf outing, and is a regular for pickleball.



My name is **Jordyn Weintraub** and I am honored to be the 2024 youth of the year. A little bit about me is that I am a very family-oriented person. I love watching movies and going out to eat with my Mom, Dad, my sister Reese and my brother Tyler. I absolutely love to write and have taken various creative writing courses throughout my four years in high school. I am a part of the National Honor Society at South Brunswick High School and am on the club board for Incorruptible US. This club is a statewide campaign against vaping which is a cause close to my heart. I am heavily involved with USY and was even on the Hagalil Regional Executive Board last year. This year I am honored to serve as the North/South Brunswick USY President. I also work in the CBT Hebrew school on Sundays, assisting Morah Shari

with the six and seven year olds. I am looking forward to graduating and starting college in the Fall, wherever that may be!

**CONGREGATION B'NAI TIKVAH
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CONGRATULATES
2023 HONOREES**



Terry Katz, Man of the Year



Jordyn Weintraub, Youth of the Year

MAZEL TOV TO ALL THE HONOREES!



Congregation Torat El (Oakhurst)



Mark Engel was born in 1964 and grew up on the Jersey Shore and has been a lay-leader at his local synagogues since his Bar Mitzvah. He was a member of Congregation B'nai Israel in Rumson, NJ growing up and through 1998, serving as a Torah Reader and davener since his Bar Mitzvah, and in his adult years served as Recording Secretary for the Religious Committee.

When Mark and his family returned to the Jersey Shore in 2000, they joined Congregation Beth El, one of the legacy synagogues which eventually merged into the current Congregation Torat El in 2010. Mark consistently volunteered as a Torah Reader and davener, as well as a member of both the Ritual and Education Committees, and of course active in the Men's Club. In 2012, Mark joined the

Torat El Ritual Committee and became Chair three years later and holds the post to this day.

Mark lives in West Long Branch, NJ with his wife of 30 years, Melanie Engel, who is also active with Congregation Torat El, serving as a Vice-President of Sisterhood and a volunteer in many synagogue activities. They have one son Matthew, 25, who was Bar Mitzvah'ed at Torat El and now lives in Florida and works as an Editor for an online news service. Mark works as an IT Software Engineer for Commvault Systems in Tinton Falls, NJ, and also serves on his Condominium Association Board of Trustees and his town's Zoning Board.



Aviva Schonbrun is a Senior at the Spartan School of Visual and Performing Arts of Ocean Township High School. She is an active member of her Jewish community, regularly leading Shabbat services and teaching in the religious school for Congregation Torat El. Aviva grew up attending Jewish day school at The Hebrew Academy and spends her summers at Camp Ramah in the Berkshires. Last summer she was a participant in the Ramah Seminar program in Israel, and this year she is a teen fellow with the Shalom Hartman Institute. Aviva is the daughter of Rabbi Aaron and Jane-Rachel Schonbrun and has three younger siblings.



Congregation Torat El ~ Jersey Shore Jewish Center
Oakhurst, NJ

Congregation Torat El Men's Club

is pleased to recognize our

2023 FJMC honorees:

MARK ENGEL

Man of the Year

AVIVA SCHONBRUN

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

MAZEL TOV

MARK ENGEL
MAN OF THE YEAR

AVIVA SCHONBRUN
YOUTH OF THE YEAR

AND ALL OF THE HONOREES



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Mazel Tov and Yasher Koach

to

Mark Engel

CTE Man of the Year

and

Aviva Schonbrun

CTE Youth of the Year

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

Congregation Torat El Sisterhood Oakhurst, NJ



Temple Beth El (Somerset)



Ben Dancyger grew up the youngest of four siblings, born to Holocaust survivor Henry Dancyger and his wife Diana Dancyger. Childhood was enriching for Ben with many fond memories including the early fall air while helping his father decorate the inside of the Succah and his mother's always wonderful cooking.

For 35yrs Ben has been engaged in a NYC live theater career focusing on backstage technical operations for a major Lincoln Center theater, extensive touring throughout Europe and Japan, while also overseeing regular fabrication work on site in NY. Perhaps because of the high demands his career necessitates in terms of time and energy, Ben has long admired those who have personal time to contribute to worthy causes.

Today, as Ben draws his career to a close, he enjoys watching his young adult sons make their way in their respective career fields. Older son Jacob works in medical imaging at a regional level 1 trauma hospital and younger son Aaron is finding his own path in backstage technical theater. Ben's beautiful wife Lisa is the Temple Administrator for Temple Beth El of Somerset, and she holds it all together.

Ben is accomplished in the culinary arts and loves to treat guests to his inspiring creations. Cycling has been a longtime fitness passion for Ben which he shares with an older brother and long hikes with his German Shepherd, Xavi, are mutually soul satisfying.

Building the Torah reading table for Temple Beth El of Somerset was a gift of an opportunity for Ben to walk in his father's shoes. During Ben's childhood, his father Henry had donated his own time undertaking carpentry projects for Temple Shaari Emeth of Manalapan, NJ and left a legacy of contributing beautiful things to beautiful congregations.



Son of Barbara and Roger, brother of Cary and Charissa, **Josh Grill** was born in Brooklyn and quickly transplanted to Marlboro NJ. Brought up with a strong Jewish background, graduating Bezalel Hebrew Day Yeshiva Middle school in Lakewood. He graduated Rutgers Prep High School, and went on to graduate University of Maryland.

Josh took a year off after undergraduate school to research how to best dedicate his life to helping people. His journey took him to the New York College of Podiatric Medicine. Once he graduated, he continued to hone his skills by taking a year of a rotating Residency at Nassau County Medical Center, followed by one year completing a Podiatric Medical Rotating Residency in Binghamton and Johnson City Hospitals. He then went on to a two-year program at

Gouverneur Hospital in New York City in order to expand his surgical training with a Podiatric Surgical Residency.

Josh was married and has four children Brandon, Allyson, Zachary and Hannah. He loves to speak of their accomplishments and looks forward to watching how far they go in life.

Josh was an active member of his Hillel in college and has a strong Jewish faith. He enjoys spending his time dedicating his love for building things with his temple. He helped to erect the permanent Sukkah structure and a beautiful 8x8-foot Menorah display at his Temple Beth El in Somerset. The temple has applied his skills to help raise thousands of dollars and help the congregants share in his vision by placing personal plaques on the piece of art for all to enjoy. His friends and family can attest to his skills by doing odd jobs for them, replacing floors, extensions on barns, banisters, lofts and steps to name a few.

Josh has a successful Foot & Ankle practice in Freehold that has satellite offices in Teaneck. He often hears his patients describe how they feel as if they are family, regardless if he treats them in the offices, nursing homes, Assisted Living facilities or patients homes.

Josh has a strong connection with sport, playing tennis and baseball in high school and beyond. He especially enjoys following the local professional teams at Citi-field and the Meadowlands, as well as watching them on the road in various stadiums across the country with friends and family.

The congregants are excited to see what Josh decides to build next, but he really loves an idea he has been kicking around for many years involving art and raising Tzedakah. He has always loved painting, sculpting and using his hands to fix and create. He has a dream to use his skills to display all kinds of art at his office and a variety of art displays allowing people to purchase the art. 100% of those proceeds would go to a place of need, from Israel to ASPCA to a local food bank, etc.. Each month a new place of donation would be listed under his works of art. He would continue to develop and create new items as a hobby and desire to help the less fortunate as long as he is physically able.



Josh,

Thank you for all that you have done for Temple Beth El. This is a well-deserved honor and we will continue to enjoy the Sukkah and Menorah you have constructed for many years to come.

Congratulations!

Scott, Michelle,
Bethany and Spencer



*The Sisterhood of
Temple Beth El of Somerset*

wishes

Josh Grill

and

Ben Dancyger

*a hearty Yasher Koach for
helping to honor our congregation
and enhance our temple.*



Mazel Tov and Yasher Koach to

Ben Dancyger & Josh Grill,

Temple Beth El's 2023 Men of the Year - "Our Temple Builders"

Congratulations Ben and Josh and thank you so much for all the work you have done to make our Temple the beautiful place it is.

From the building of our new Sukkah to the constructing of the Memorial Plaque in our lobby to the finishing of our Readers' Table and bringing it in and setting it up in our Sanctuary, we appreciate your dedication and devotion to our Synagogue. We are so proud and happy to have you as our 2023 Men's Club Men of the Year honorees, and wish you the best in the future.

Your Temple Beth El of Somerset Family and Friends.

- ◆ Agnes Birnbaum
- ◆ Rabbi Eli Garfinkel and Naomi Lasky
- ◆ Phyllis Ginsberg
- ◆ Jeff and Iris Green
- ◆ Rob and Nancy Greenfield
- ◆ Marc and Martha Hilton
- ◆ Darryl and Lana Jayson
- ◆ Brian, Ariella, and Shira Levine
- ◆ Sy and Edi Mayerson
- ◆ Daniel B. Morris and Tammy Underwood
- ◆ Bob and Sari Persily
- ◆ Elliott and Mara Sacks
- ◆ Carol Schreiber
- ◆ Andy and Debby Sheffrin
- ◆ Brian and Patty Waller
- ◆ Rick and Geri Weitz



**YASHER KOACH & CONGRATULATIONS to
our most deserving 2023 TEMPLE BETH EL SOMERSET
MEN OF THE YEAR Honorees:**

Josh and Ben, thank you for your time and help in being our Temple Builders, and making Temple Beth El a place where everyone is proud to be a part of.

We know we can always count on you to do the jobs and wish you and your families all the best in the future.

JOSH GRILL



BEN DANCYGER



Mazel Tov!

**TEMPLE BETH EL OF SOMERSET
MEN'S CLUB**



Ben Dancyger

Congratulations Man of the Year!

Nice Work!

**From The Entire Local #1
Prop Crew At The DHKT**



Mazel Tov

to our Temple Builders

Josh Grill and Ben Dancyger

With gratitude for all their work

Phyllis and Kal Miller

Congratulations to

Dr. Joshua David Grill, DPM

2023 Man of the Year

Temple Beth El

*With pride and love from
your siblings,*

Cary and Charissa



Ben Dancyger

**Congratulations On Your Most
Well-Deserved Recognition!**

Love, Your Family and Friends,

Lisa Dancyger

Jacob Dancyger

Aaron Dancyger

Diana Dancyger

Jim & Vicki Kopp

Chris & Lauren Lepore

Congregation B'nai Israel (Toms River)



Daniel Green is the Cantor Emeritus of Congregation B'nai Israel of Toms River, NJ, having served from 1973 until his full retirement in 2008. Among his distinctive accomplishments during those 35 years were:

- Preparing 670 boys and girls for Bar and Bat Mitzvah.
- A Jewish music enrichment program for Talmud Torah.
- The B'nai Israel Choir, comprised of men, women and teen volunteers; and the Junior Zamarim, a friendly singing club for boys and girls.
- Instructing adults in the chanting of Torah portions, Haftarot and prayers.
- Producing many major programs and concerts of Jewish music.

Since Cantor Green's retirement from B'nai Israel, he and his wife, Ruth—also a retired cantor—have remained part of the Toms River Jewish community, with both of them volunteering for the congregation by davening religious services and chanting from the Torah whenever they are needed. In addition, Dan notably serves as archivist of the congregation's cemetery.

A member of both the Cantors Assembly and the American Conference of Cantors, Cantor Daniel Green served three terms as Chair of the Cantors Assembly NJ Region. For decades he has participated with the New Jersey Cantors Concert Ensemble, performing in hundreds of concerts all over New Jersey and beyond.

Dan earned his B.A. degree in music and education at Queens College. He studied Jewish prayer and music at what is now the Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music of Hebrew Union College—Jewish Institute of Religion, where in 1965 he was ordained as Cantor and awarded the Bachelor of Sacred Music degree. Before coming to Toms River he served as hazzan at synagogues in Natick, Massachusetts and New York City.

Dan is corresponding secretary and mapper for the Jackson Pathfinders, an environmental group, and he serves Caregiver Volunteers of Central Jersey by transporting elderly patients to medical appointments. As an advocate for public transportation, Dan also volunteered for many years with the Ocean County Transportation Advisory Board and the Central Jersey Rail Coalition.

Born and raised in New York City, Dan has three grown children from his marriage to his dear late wife, Evelyn. Now, continuing his long and loving relationship with the Jewish community of Toms River, Dan is still joyfully singing with Ruth. Together they are thanking God and celebrating his 50 years with B'nai Israel along with their own 30 years of marriage.

**CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL
MEN'S CLUB**

**CONGRATULATES
OUR HONOREE**

**CANTOR DANIEL GREEN
MAN OF THE YEAR**

**CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL
TOMS RIVER, NJ
CREATING JEWISH MEMORIES
AT THE JERSEY SHORE
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Northern Clubs of the Northern NJ Region: Honoree Biographies & Congratulations

Town	Synagogue	Man of the Year	Youth of the Year
Caldwell	Congregation Agudath Israel	Jonathan Mehl	Max Raymond
Cranford	Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim	Alan Schwartz	Rebecca Handsman
Fair Lawn	Fair Lawn Jewish Center / Congregation B'nai Israel	Neil Garfinkle	
Livingston	Temple Beth Shalom	Christopher Block	
Montville	Pine Brook Jewish Center	Jonathan Lewis	Jordan Bergman Doron Finkel Eliana Finkel Evan Schachman
Ridgewood	Temple Israel & Jewish Community Center	Evan Fleischmann	Eliana Gluck
Scotch Plains	Congregation Beth Israel	Aaron Kessler	Emersyn Teicher
South Orange	Congregation Beth El	Yuval Brokman	Aly Biloon
Springfield	Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael	Rabbi Mark Mallach	Samantha Lipkin
Staten Island	Congregation B'Nai Jeshurun	Larry Reich	
Wayne	Shomrei Torah, The Wayne Conservative Congregation	Jeff Appel	Jason Hook Ilana Leshowitz
West Orange	B'nai Shalom	Larry Prince	Ethan Kampel

Congregation Agudath Israel (Caldwell)



Jonathan Mehl is a life-long resident of West Caldwell, married to Michele Mehl for over 27 years. They have two grown sons, Corey and Ross. Congregation Agudath Israel in Caldwell has been part of the Mehl Family home and tradition for three generations. Jonathan's father, Froman Mehl was a Men's Club President; and his mother Etta Mehl was a Sisterhood President. Over the years each held several other positions at the synagogue and instilled in Jonathan the love to give back to the community. Jonathan was USY President while in high school.

For the past six years Jonathan has been President of the Men's Club and on the Board of Trustees of Agudath Israel. The Men's Club has grown and had numerous extremely well attended social events in addition to all of the help that the Men's Club provides to the synagogue. Over the years Jonathan has also been involved in other Jewish and Israeli organizations, including the Jewish Federation of Metrowest, and AIPAC. Prior to COVID Jonathan is proud that he attended the AIPAC Policy Conference for ten years in a row. Consistently taking a strong and outgoing pro-Israel position, his most recent satisfaction is that he and Corey Mehl were two of the 290,000 people who attended the pro-Israel rally in Washington, D.C. on November 14, 2023; along with the highly emotional moment of joining all in singing Hatikvah. Jonathan earned his undergraduate degree from The George Washington University and his law degree from Seton Hall University. He has maintained his own law firm in Rutherford, New Jersey since 1996.



Max Raymond is a senior at West Essex High School (WEHS). He is a musician, a sportsman, a sports enthusiast, a sports announcer, and a madrichim. Max participated in the WEHS Marching Band for all four years, serving as the band's drumline Section Leader in his senior year. Max currently performs with the competitive WEHS Indoor Percussion ensemble. Both the marching band and indoor percussion ensembles recently had stellar competition seasons in 2023, garnering record high scores for the school and divisional wins against similarly sized schools. As a sportsman, Max played Junior Varsity baseball, primarily as a pitcher. Max, a jack of all trades, could also be seen on the infield or outfield, providing additional support where needed. As a sports enthusiast and sports announcer, Max has been heard broadcasting livestream personal commentary for the WEHS Esports team. Additionally, you might have heard Max announce the play-by-play for WEHS Varsity Field Hockey games. Max relied on all of his interests when working as a Junior Counselor for two summers at Jeff Lake Day Camp. Max took responsibility for the physical and emotional well-being of his rising second-grade boys' group. He could be found taking a camper to the nurse or assisting campers with conflict resolution. Last, but certainly not least, Max is a madrichim, a teacher's assistant, at Congregation Agudath Israel. His daily goal is to be helpful, in any capacity that might be required. No task is too big or too small. Max aspires to work in sports broadcasting or sports analytics in the future.



Jonathan Mehl

Our husband, father, friend, and Man of the Year every year.

Your steadfast support for the Jewish community at home and abroad is an inspiration to us all.

Love,

Michele, Corey, Ross and Sonoma



Mazel Tov

to

Jonathan Mehl

**Congregation Agudath Israel
of West Essex**

Man of the Year

Etta and Froman Mehl

Barbara and David Matalon

Kayla Matalon



Congratulations to our
Youth of the Year!

*We are so proud of you **Max!***

Love you,
forever, for always,

Mom, Dad, Hailey,
The Raymonds,
The Feinsteins, and
The Levitts

Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim (Cranford)



When **Alan Schwartz** joined our Temple in 1983 upon his marriage to the former Carol Glick (of blessed memory), who was a committed member her whole life, beginning with her parents' membership. Through Carol, he got to know members of all ages, including many multi-generational families, some still active at TBEMC.

He will forever be grateful for and touched by Temple members' support during difficult times for Carol and himself.

Here at TBEMC, Alan has been seated on our Board of Trustees over two periods. Having formerly served as Treasurer, he became Financial Secretary for a few years before returning to the Treasurer slot. Additionally, he has chaired the Budget Committee and sat on that committee, as well as the SMG and Cemetery Committees.

Alan has always enjoyed and appreciated the guidance and wisdom of other members in fulfilling these responsibilities.

He is enjoying retirement now, after a career mostly in financial services.

Alan humbly wishes to extend his gratitude for this honor.



Rebecca Handsman is currently a senior at the Academy for Allied Health Sciences- UCVTS in Scotch Plains, NJ. She has been a member of Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim for her whole life, starting at the nursery school there at age three. This is her second year as a teacher's helper at the TBEMC religious school, where she currently works in the office as an assistant to the Principal. Throughout high school, she has helped at the Purim carnival, volunteered during Sisterhood events, and wrapped presents during the holidays for kids in need through USY. Rebecca's Jewish identity is very important to her. She has attended B'nai Brith Perlman camp for five years and plans on being a counselor there this summer.

Rebecca has been a Varsity cheerleader for Cranford High School for all four years. She also coaches cheer for middle schoolers and is an EMT on her town's first aid squad. In her free time, Rebecca plays piano, tutors students in Biology and Math, and listens to music. Rebecca is extremely honored to have been selected as Youth of the Year.

The Men's Club of Temple Beth El Mekor Chayim

Congratulates and Sends Best Wishes to

Our Most Well Deserving Friend

ALAN SCHWARTZ

Man of the Year 2023/5784

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

Rebecca Handsman

Youth of the Year

This is a well-deserved honor.

You are both truly an inspiration to all of us.

Mazel Tov!

Lance Kandl, Phil Stein, Larry Posner,

Craig Schwartz, Seth Farber, Dennis Berry

Fair Lawn Jewish Center (Fair Lawn)



Neil Garfinkle has lived in Fair Lawn for most of his life. He has been a teacher in New York at the High School for Law and Public Service for 29 years. He joined the Fair Lawn Jewish Center/Congregation B'nai Israel in 2009 with his wife, Christina, and their two children, Maxwell and Benjamin. He has held many positions and has sat on various committees over the years. Some of these roles include: a member of the Men's Progress Club, where he has been recording secretary, President, and now Immediate Past President. During the 2020-2021 school year, Neil was the Princi"PAL" of the religious school, and now sits on the board of the religious school. Neil is also currently a member of the Fair Lawn Jewish Center/Congregation B'nai Israel Executive Committee and

Board of Directors serving as the Executive Vice-President.

At one point, Neil was Men's Progress Club President, Executive Vice-President of the entire temple, and recording secretary for the Board of Directors ALL AT THE SAME TIME! When duty calls...

When not busy working on important shul matters, he enjoys running Sacred Hoops, and the Men's Progress Club Fall and Spring Poker Tournaments.

He is extremely grateful for this honor.



Congregation
Bnai Israel

**The Board and Congregation of the
Fair Lawn Jewish Center/Congregation B'nai Israel**

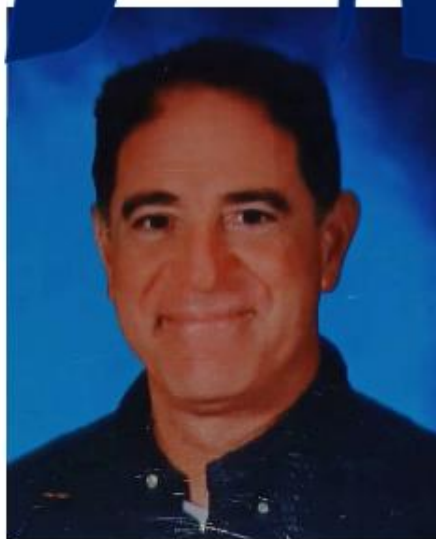
Proudly Honor

Neil Garfinkle

Our MPC Man of the Year

**A generous, dedicated, warm, and supportive
brother who never says "no."**

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

Neil Garfinkle

The Board of the
Men's Progress Club

**MEN'S
PROGRESS
CLUB**
fair lawn jewish center
congregation bnai israel



Mazel Tov Neil on being named

★ Man of the Year, ★

such a well-deserved honor!

- Lois & Mark Meisel

Mazel Tov

to our favorite

Mensch and Princ-i-PAL

Neil Garfinkle

from the CHSBC Board of Education

Temple Beth Shalom (Livingston)



Christopher Block: A proud 1989 graduate of the University of Pittsburgh and an even prouder father of Gabi and Alex and lucky husband to Pamela, Christopher is a long-time member of Temple Beth Shalom in Livingston. An officer for several years in TBS's Men's Club and the immediate past president, Christopher most enjoys co-anchoring our Club's annual Comedy Night event, which routinely draws over 400 attendees and raises thousands of dollars. He has also been observed routinely popping up to the catcher in the Temple Softball league. When not at work or helping at the Temple, he can be found quarterbacking a raucous repartee with his family, hanging out on on LBI, watching the Mets or taking a nap.

Actions Speak Louder Than Words

Jerry Siskind

Northern NJ Region
Distinguished Service Award

Len Whitman

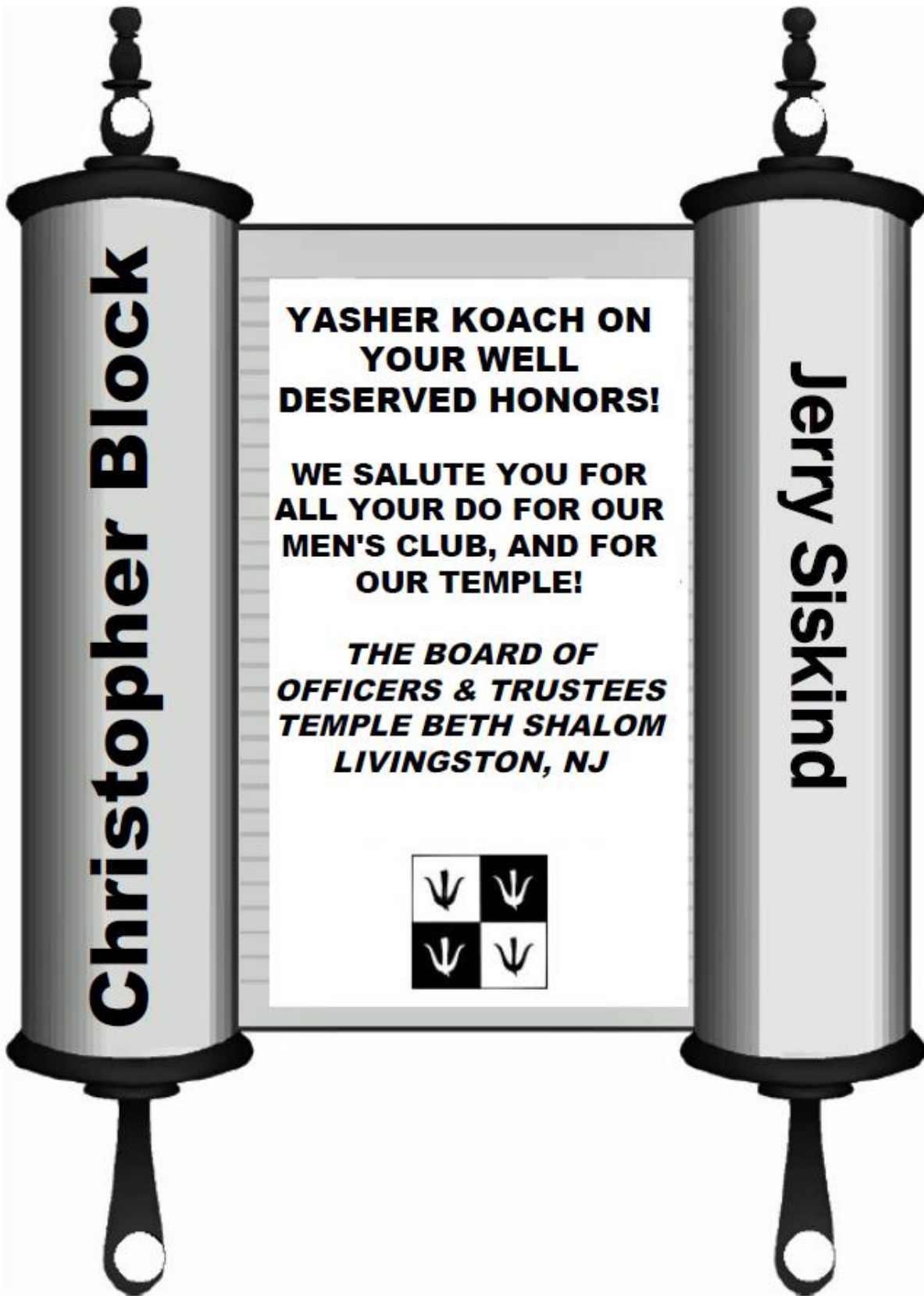
Northern NJ Region
Man of the Year

Christopher Block

Temple Beth Shalom Livingston
Man of the Year

**Our Thanks to these 2024 Men of the Year
for their Selfless Actions on Behalf of their
Men's Clubs and the
Broader Jewish Community**

Diane & Peter Gotlieb



**Moishe Rosenbaum (z"l)
Murray Sklar (z"l)
Dan Clarich (z"l)**

**George Weinberger (z"l)
Sam Sychowicz (z"l)
Bernie Klausner (z"l)**

Temple Beth Shalom Livingston, NJ

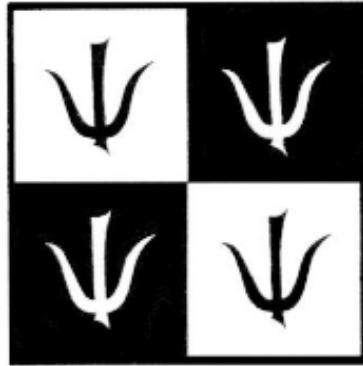
**Christopher Block
5784 - 2023
Man of the Year**

**Barry Wolfe
Jay Jaffe
Phil Chaiklin
Carl Landsman
Mark Konstandt
Nate Himmelstein
Barry Schwartz
Larry Rochman
Ira Sessler
Dean Konner
Ian Stocks
Mark Cohen
Jeffrey Greif
Ray Siegel
Jerry Siskind
Phil Crystal
Peter Gotlieb
Dean Konner**

**Michael Goldstein
Paul Brownstein
Howard Attemann
Arnie Felberbaum
Bob Sperling
Jerry Siskind
Phil Crystal
Peter Gotlieb
Brian Suchoff
Mitch Berkey
Lonny Hirsch
Norm Kurz
Steve Brolin
Jac Bloomberg
Mike Topf
Eric Naggar
Eric Baltuch
Saul Leff**

**OUR MOST DESERVING
2023 MAN OF THE YEAR
WE'RE PROUD TO HAVE YOU
JOIN OUR RANKS OF MEN'S
CLUB MEN OF THE YEAR**

Sisterhood Temple Beth Shalom
Livingston, NJ



CONGRATULATES

2024 MEN'S CLUB

MAN OF THE YEAR

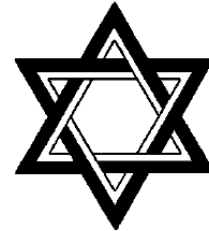
Christopher Block

ON THIS WELL DESERVED HONOR

Yasher Koach to:



**Chris Block
Temple Beth**



**Shalom's
Man of the Year**

**Lisa Mayer and Barry Schwartz
Jay Jaffe
Cheryl and Ira Sessler**

Pine Brook Jewish Center (Montville)



Jonathan Lewis has been a proud member of the Pine Brook Jewish Center for over 26 years, and he has enjoyed serving the community in many capacities and leadership positions. He has been active on the fundraising, Rabbi and Cantor search committees. He chaired the Rabbi and Cantors contract committee and evaluation committee, and long-range planning. He served for two years on the executive board as Second Vice President. Jonathan was also a board member of the PBJC for over 12 years. He has been an active member of men's club since he joined the synagogue. During his time at PBJC he has provided good Bourbon and Scotch for the Saturday morning Kiddish. He and his wife Ellen upgraded the front of PBJC with a new garden and trees as well.

Jonathan is the CEO at JLJ Capital LLC, and is a seasoned banking professional having served both in the public and private banking industry for over 30 years. He is a founding member of the National Private Lenders Association. Jonathan was also the Chapter Chairman of the Young Presidents Organization of NJ. Jonathan is an avid Skier and a PSIA certified instructor.

Jonathan and his wife Ellen have been married for 38 years and they reside in Towaco. Both of Jonathan's children celebrated their B'Nai Mitzvot at PBJC. PBJC has been an important part of his family, and they could not be happier to be part of this wonderful and inclusive congregation. Jonathan is thankful for the honor of being recognized as PBJC's Man of the Year.



Jordan Bergman is a senior and National Honor Society member at Montville Township High School. She is a 3rd generation legacy member of Pine Brook Jewish Center. From the pre-school program to becoming a bat-mitzvah, and then post-Hebrew school in the Jewish club, *B'Yachad*, Jordan has continued her Jewish education and commitment at PBJC. She currently volunteers at the Synagogue's *Challah Days*, to assist in their pre-school program that help teach about upcoming Jewish holidays. Jordan also works weekly in PBJC's Early Childhood Center *Giggle Zone* after-care program, and full-time as a counselor at PBJC's summer camp. In addition, at her high school, Jordan is senior editor of the Yearbook Club, and a student mentor in both the PAL (Peers as Leaders) club, and the Pathways for

Exceptional Children organization. Outside of activities and clubs, Jordan is the founder of *Heart Strings*, which was once a hobby that she has now turned into a non-profit organization. She has designed and created over 300 string bracelets and donates them to the pediatric ward at local hospitals. Jordan would like to thank the PBJC Men's Club for the Youth of the Year honor in recognition of all her hard work and volunteerism throughout the years.



Doron Finkel, part of the PBJC community since the "Itty-Bitty Twos", has attended Golda Och Academy (GOA) since *Gan* (Kindergarten). He has championed various community service initiatives including packing and delivering food to the food insecure with the Jewish Relief Agency and visiting with seniors. Doron created a curriculum to teach financial literacy at the Boys & Girls Club of America. Doron is a Diller Teen Fellow, a leadership program fostering self-advocacy, Israel connections and advocacy, and community service. Doron attended Ramah – Poconos and looks forward to returning this summer as a counselor. President of the GOA chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS), Doron acts as mentor to others, liaison to administration, is responsible for outreach, event organization, and financial management. He

has facilitated NHS collaboration worked with Student Council to raise money to support Kids of Courage, an organization dedicated to supporting children and young adults who are living with serious, debilitating, painful, often life-threatening illnesses. Doron has been captain of the GOA Varsity Baseball team, and Manager of its basketball team. He volunteers to lead *tefillah* when needed and is known to lead *ruach* singing on Shabbat at camp. He participated in Names, Not Numbers. Doron appreciates being recognized as a Youth of the Year and is grateful to the Men's Club of PBJC for this honor.



Joining the PBJC community at age 2, **Eliana Finkel** has always considered PBJC her second home. Eliana entered Golda Och Academy (GOA) in *Gan* (Kindergarten), is now a senior and holds many leadership roles. Eliana has worked as a *madricha* in the PBJC Religious School for many years. Eliana has augmented her formal Jewish education at GOA, as a camper at Camp Ramah-Poconos, and this past summer on Ramah Seminar in Israel. She looks forward to returning to Ramah this summer as a counselor. Eliana was a Teen Leader in the Iris Teen Fellows program (of Jewish Federation of the Greater MetroWest) where she learned the value of giving, the complexity involved in evaluating community requests, and participated in the development of community service projects. She mentored other teens to do the same in her role on the Iris Teen Leadership Council. She is a past president of the Teen Advisory Committee for the Community Food Bank of New Jersey Leadership Council. Eliana is a Student Leader for the non-profit forum, Bake Back America, focusing on food insecurity of first-generation students on the college campus. In addition, through that same forum, Eliana is a tutor working with exonerees after their release from prison. Eliana is a National Honor Society member. At GOA, Eliana is a Student Council Representative and has been co-captain of the Varsity Volleyball team. She is founder and President of the GOA Women's Empowerment Club, President of the GOA Breast Cancer Awareness Club, and a member of the school's Community Service Club. She has participated in the Names, Not Numbers intergenerational Holocaust education program. Eliana can always be counted on to lead *tefillah* at school and camp, and *Hallel* at PBJC when asked to do so. Eliana is honored and grateful to the Men's Club of PBJC for recognizing her as a Youth of the Year.



Evan Schachman has been involved with Pine Brook Jewish Center since he was 2 years old. He began in the preschool program, attended Hebrew School, and graduated from the religious school after becoming a bar mitzvah. Evan has continued his religious education by being an active participant in the B'Yachad program, as well as a volunteer in the Madrichim program, where he assists teachers in classes, tutors students to help prepare them for class services and their bar/bat mitzvahs and helps wherever he is needed. He is also a member of the PBJC Community Outreach program where he helps collect items and serve meals to those in need. Evan is currently a senior at Montville Township High School. He is active on the high school tennis and paddle team. He has volunteered his time in the Pathways for Exceptional Children organization as well as the Grains of Hope foundation where he packages meals to be shipped to different countries who experience food shortages. Evan spends time tutoring younger children after school as well as working with kids as an Assistant Basketball coach. He spends his summers as a camp counselor. Evan is grateful to have been chosen for the Youth of the Year award and thanks the Men's Club at Pine Brook Jewish Center for selecting him for this honor.



Pine Brook Jewish Center
Chevra Agudas Achim Anshy Pine Brook
Established in 1896

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

Our 2023-2024 "Man of the Year"

JONATHAN LEWIS

Our 2023-2024 "Youth of the Year"

JORDAN BERGMAN

DORON FINKEL

ELIANA FINKEL

EVAN SCHACHMAN

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.

BRACH EICHLER IS PROUD TO SUPPORT

**THE NORTHERN NJ REGION FEDERATION
OF JEWISH MEN'S CLUBS
PINE BROOK JEWISH CENTER IN MONTVALE
*AND CONGRATULATES THIS YEAR'S HONOREES***

MAN OF THE YEAR JONATHAN LEWIS

YOUTH OF THE YEAR

**JORDAN BERGMAN • DORON FINKEL
ELIANA FINKEL • EVAN SCHACHMAN**

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MAZEL TOV TO
JONATHAN LEWIS

*PBJC'S MEN'S CLUB
MAN OF THE YEAR
YOUR FAMILY IS VERY
PROUD OF YOU!!*



LOVE,
ELLEN, DEBORAH, MATHEW, SYLVIA,
MICHAEL, ANNA, LANA AND BELLA

Our Most Sincere Congratulations To:

Jonathan Lewis

PBJC 2023-2024 Man-of-the-Year

Welcome To Our Elite Group!

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

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

In honor of
Jonathan Lewis and the **Youth Honorees**
For steadfast support of **Pine Brook Jewish Center**

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Temple Israel & Jewish Community Center (Ridgewood)



Evan Fleischmann is completing his second term as President of the Brandeis Men's Club (BMC) of Temple Israel and Jewish Community Center (TI) in Ridgewood, NJ. He is a past chair of the Temple Israel Annual Dinner Dance and Auction Fundraiser and has served on numerous committees and special projects in service to TI and the greater Ridgewood Jewish community. Evan has the privilege of working with a great group of selfless club members who help make BMC's many successful events look easy.

When not focusing on Temple and Community life, Evan utilizes his passion for information architecture to design and build powerful database solutions for warehousing, retail, and business planning. He currently plies his trade for

Chefler Foods, home to the Mike's Amazing and Super Chef brands.

And when Evan is not doing all of those silly things, he is a devoted husband, father, and opa.



Eliana Gluck is a Senior at Ridgewood High School. For the last five years, Eliana has volunteered at Temple Israel as a madricha in the NNJJA Hebrew school. She has also volunteered with other community service projects in the synagogue including handicap accessibility and baking for the homeless.

In addition, Eliana is involved with BBYO, traveling to Israel in the summer of 2023 with their passport program. She has also volunteered with the New Jersey Federation's back to school backpack donation project.

Eliana is an engaged member of the Ridgewood community. She is a member of the varsity Softball team at Ridgewood High School, playing catcher. She also is a member of the National Honor Society, DECA and the Applied Engineering

Club, where she is the co-president of the club for the 2023-2024 school year.

Congratulations to

Evan and *Eliana*



On being honored as Temple Israel's

2023/24

Man and Youth of the Year

The Weiss Family

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

**Evan Fleischmann
and Eliana Gluck**

are being honored as our **2023 Man and Youth of the Year** 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 JCC
of Ridgewood*

proudly salutes our 2023/24

MOY



***Evan
Fleischmann***

YOY



***Eliana
Gluck***



Reconstructionist Congregation Beth Israel

*A Contemporary
Look at Tradition*

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

BMC President, **Evan Fleischmann** as Man of the Year

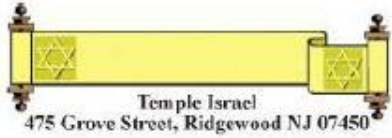
and

Eliana Gluck as Youth of the Year

"May you continue your wonderful works for the Jew-
ish community for many years to come"

RCBI
475 Grove Street
Ridgewood, NJ 07450

Brandeis
Men's Club



Congratulations!!!



Evan

Fleischmann

Our 2023 **Man of the Year**

Brandeis Men's Club

Temple Israel, Ridgewood, NJ

Mazel Tov

Evan Fleischmann

MOY

Eliana Gluck

YOY

Your efforts are what makes Temple
Israel and JCC of Ridgewood great!!!

**MAY YOU GO FROM
STRENGTH TO STRENGTH**

~ Shari and Manny Haber ~

SPRING VALLEY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 1985

**SENIOR
SUPERLATIVES**

**MOST LIKELY TO BECOME MOY*
EVAN FLEISCHMANN**



***AND MOST
LIKELY TO HAVE
HIS NAME
SPELLED WRONG
IN HIS HIGH
SCHOOL
YEARBOOK**

MAZEL TOV!
THE GLUCK & BAKAL FAMILIES

Congratulations

Evan

You have always been one
to join with others to
make things better.

You make us so proud!

*Love,
Mom and Dad*



וְיָמֵינוּ...WHAT A BOY!
EVAN FLEISCHMANN

OUR FRIEND, LEADER, AND NOW OUR

Brandeis
Men's Club



Temple Israel & Jewish Community Center
475 Grove Street, Ridgewood, NJ 07450

MOY



FOR ALL YOU DO FOR TEMPLE ISRAEL,
TODAY AND MAZEL TOY!

Tricia & Howard

Mazel Tov

to our granddaughter

Eliana Gluck

Youth of the Year

Lynda & Allan Braunstein

*Eliana,
Congratulations on being honored as
Temple Israel's YOU!*

We are so proud of your commitment to the Hebrew
School for past five years!

Your dedication and support to the Jewish community has
been recognized and appreciated!



*Love,
Mom, Dad, Daniel and Max*



we are so proud of you!

LOVE,

FRAN, MIKE, MATTHEW, MELISSA, NANA AND GRANDPA BOB

Mazel Tou, Eli!



We are so proud of you for doing all that you did to be named the Brandeis Men's Club's Youth of the Year. Your dedication to the Temple Israel Hebrew School and other altruistic commitments highlight what a fantastic youth you've become.

With love,
Aunt Andrea, Uncle Jonny, Maya & Ezra
Aunt Marcie, Uncle Erik, Rebecca & Leah

Congratulations

ELIANA GLUCK

What a joy to watch you grow
up to be YOY!

Knowing your commitment to
Temple Israel and the Jewish
community, we can't wait to
see what you will do next!

Love,
Miriam, Todd, Mollie, Robert
and Sarah Renee





ELIANA GLUCK

THE YOY ERA

MAZEL TOV!!

The Vandalovsky, Shames, Heit, and Bakal families

ELIANA GLUCK

**Temple Israel & JCC of Ridgewood
Youth of the Year!**



The fruit does not fall far from the tree!



**We are so proud of you!
Tricia & Howard Schreiber**

**The Brandeis Men's Club of Temple Israel,
Ridgewood, NJ, Has Chosen its 2023-2024
Man Of The Year & Youth Of The Year
...And They've Chosen Very Wisely!**

**Evan
Fleischmann MOY**



**Congratulations On
Being Honored As
Our MOY & YOY.
Both Of You Do Us
Proud, As You
Represent The Best
Of Our Synagogue's
Men And Youth!**

**Eliana Gluck
YOY**



Mazel Tov and Best Wishes from Bob Dworkin

Mazel tov
Evan Fleischmann
Man of the Year!
&
Eliana Gluck
Youth of the Year

Love, Stacey, Tova & Rob

Thank you

Evan – *Man of the Year*

for your commitment and care to **BMC** and **TIJCC**, and congratulations to

Eliana – *Youth of the Year*

for all the wonderful things you do for the synagogue and the community.

The Rothschild Family

BMC Congratulates the
Temple Israel 2023 Youth of the Year

**Eliana
Gluck**



Congregation Beth Israel (Scotch Plains)



Aaron Kessler is Congregation Beth Israel Men's Club Man of the Year. Aaron has served 6 years on our synagogue's Executive Board most recently as Synagogue President through the Covid 19 pandemic. Aaron continues to serve our kehila as High Holiday Chairperson and Chairperson of the Board Nominating Committee. He has been an active member of our Men's Club, helping to build the Sukkah, cook latkes on Chanukah and attends many of our social and community events.

Professionally, Aaron is the Chief Operating Officer of Westside Surgery Center, a large multispecialty ambulatory surgery center in midtown Manhattan. He is married to Susanlisa Kessler and together they have three daughters: Maya (21), Rebecca (18) and Sarina (8). In his free time

Aaron enjoys smoking meat, collecting rare scotch and cheering for his daughters on the soccer field.



Emersyn Teicher has been involved in Jewish life starting at the Early Childhood program, at the JCC. She then entered Hebrew school, and graduated from the CBI religious school after becoming a bat mitzvah. Completing her formal religious school education, she continued her studies by taking part in Darcone, the teen program at CBI, as well as serving on the leadership committee of the CBI USY Chapter. Emersyn is currently working as a Madrich (classroom aid) at the temple's Hebrew school as a 1:1 aide with children that require extra support in the classroom. Emersyn attends Scotch Plains Fanwood High School and partakes in many activities throughout the school. This is her 4th year participating with the theatre department, where she is a cast member, the Dance captain and student music

Director. She also sings in each of the school choirs and holds the seat of Choir Vice President. Emersyn is a member of the National Honors Society and will be heading to college in September to pursue a career in Nursing. She is grateful to have been chosen for the Youth of the Year award and wishes to thank the Men's Club at CBI for selecting her for this honor.

**Congregation
Beth Israel**

**The Men's Club
at Congregation
Beth Israel
Salutes**

**Aaron
Kessler
Man of the Year**



**Emersyn
Teicher
Youth of the Year**

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

**18 Shalom Way, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076
Phone: (908) 889-1830 • office@cbisp.org**

EMERSYN TEICHER

Mazel Tov on earning the award of Youth of the Year.
We are so proud of all you have accomplished and can't wait to
see what the future brings for you.

We love you!!

Love,

Mom, Dad, Jonah, Grandma, Grandpa, Nonni and Poppi



Congregation Beth El (South Orange)



Yuval Brokman is a member of the Board of Trustees at Congregation Beth El, which he and his family joined in 2017. He has served on the Tefillah and Spirituality committee, Nominating committee and co-chaired the Membership committee. Most recently, Yuval served on the Executive Committee as VP Community and then Executive VP. During the day, Yuval is a Vice President and Investment Specialist in the Private Bank at J.P. Morgan, advising high-net worth individuals, foundations, and senior executives on a range of financial matters including asset allocation, portfolio construction, equities, fixed income and alternative investments.

Yuval is passionate about Israel and is a founding member of AIPAC's (American Israel Public Affairs Committee) Emerging Leadership Initiative. He also serves on AIPAC's New Jersey and National councils.

Yuval resides in South Orange, New Jersey, where he enjoys hiking and playing board games and sports with his wife and three children and writing Jewish-themed parodies.



Aly Biloon lives in South Orange, New Jersey. with her parents, Amy and Jeremy, her younger sister, Mia, and their dog, Jaxson. She has been attending Golda Och Academy since Pre-K and is now an 11th grader at the Upper School campus. In her free time, Aly plays soccer, basketball and softball. She is the co-editor in chief of *The Flame*, the Golda Och Academy student newspaper, as well as a member of the community service club and Model Congress. She also serves as a student ambassador. Aly spends every summer at Camp Ramah in the Berkshires, which is her home away from home.

The Biloons have been members of Congregation Beth El since moving to New Jersey in 2008. Aly attended the Beth El pre-school and is a regular attendee at Shabbat morning services. She participates in Beth El's Makom programming for teens. The highlight of every weekend for Aly is volunteering at the Jewish Learning Center at Beth El, during which she enjoys interacting with and helping younger children learn about Judaism.

Dear Yuval,

*In our book, you are
Man of the Year every year!*

*Mazal To you on an honor well
earned; you make the world
a better place.*

*May you go from
Strength to Strength!*

*We love you,
Amy and Bill*



“Create the kind of self that you will be happy to live with all your life. Make the most of yourself by fanning the tiny, inner sparks of possibility into flames of achievement.”

Golda Meir

Aly,

You are always your authentic best self and you make those around you better with your determination, kindness and humor.

We are so proud of both your achievements and your potential!

With gratitude for who you are and who you are becoming.

Mommy, Daddy, Mia and Jaxson



Dear Aly,

*You have always brought sunshine into our lives
with your beautiful smile, warmth,
kindness, and sensitivity.*

*We are so proud of all your many
accomplishments and awards, now including
this Youth of the Year Award.*

*We know that you will continue to make
meaningful and significant contributions
to the Jewish community.*

MAZEL TOV!
Your very proud Bubbie and Papa

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

**YUVAL
BROKMAN**



**Man of
the Year**

**ALY
BILOON**



**Youth of
the Year**

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

Congregation **Beth El**

Preserving Tradition...Embracing Change

Beth El
Men's Club
South Orange, NJ

Congrats!
מזל טוב

YUVAL BROKMAN
Congregation Beth El's
MAN OF THE YEAR

**For all you do as a lay leader - and for
all you will do in the years to come**

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

Congregation **Beth El**

Preserving Tradition...Embracing Change



MAZAL TOV
מזל טוב

TO ALY BILOON

CONGREGATION BETH EL'S

YOUTH OF THE YEAR

WE ARE SO PROUD OF ALL YOU DO AND ALL YOU'VE DONE, IN OUR YOUTH GROUPS, IN MAKOM, AS A MADRICHA AT OUR JEWISH LEARNING CENTER, AND AT GOA!

FROM,

**RABBI OLITZKY, RABBI MARDER,
AND THE BETH EL BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Congregation **Beth El**

Preserving Tradition...Embracing Change

Mazal Tov Yuval!

On behalf of the entire family, we are proud of you for being selected as the Congregation Beth El Man of the Year which reflects your dedication, hard work, and outstanding contributions to your community. We celebrate this well-deserved recognition with you.

Your kindness, leadership, and the positive impact you've made on the lives of those around you have been noticed and appreciated. You embody the qualities that make a difference in the world, and we are delighted to see you receive this honor.

May you continue to go from chayil to chayil.

Your success is an inspiration to us all, and this award demonstrates what we have known all along.

Congratulations on being named

Man of the Year!

Mommy & Abba, Morgan & Aviv, Kineret & Matt



Aly

Mazel Tov on this special honor!

Wishing you continued
successes in all you do!

Love,

Uncle Arthur and Aunt Trudy

Aaron, Maureen, Poppy, Quinn

Rachel, Ben, Tovah, Avital, Eliana, Nili

Leah, Alex, Yael, Isaac, Gavriella, Rosie

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

ALY BILOON

WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU ON THIS MOST
DESERVED HONOR!!

THE SPELLMAN FAMILY
MELISSA, MARC, ZACH, SARAH,
ARI, DANI, ALANA, SYDNEY & GOLDIE

“You were born to be a player. You were meant to be here. This moment is yours.” — *Herb Brooks*

Mazal Tov

Aly Biloon!

Keep running forward with hope in your heart,
dreams in your head and a smile on your face!

We will always be by your side cheering you on!

We love you and are so proud of you!

**Auntie Sheri & Uncle Steve
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Mazel Tov, Yuval!

Thank you for all you do for our community.

Congratulations, Aly!

Rena & Matt Abrams

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Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael (Springfield)



Rabbi Mark Mallach is Rabbi Emeritus at Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael. He joined in 1999 after serving as the Senior Rabbi of Temple Beth El in West Palm Beach, Florida. He served as Senior Rabbi until July 2020. Prior to that, he served as the Assistant Rabbi of Temple Beth Shalom of Livingston, New Jersey from 1994 – 1997.

Rabbi Mallach is a graduate of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, where he garnered academic prizes of excellence in areas of Talmud Study and Homiletics. In addition, as a graduate of the University of Maryland's School of Pharmacy, is the first Registered Pharmacist to be ordained as a Conservative Rabbi by the Seminary. As an avid bicyclist, he can frequently be seen on our local roads. In 2004, Rabbi Mallach became perhaps the only clergy-person to do a cross-country bicycle ride, which he did as a charitable fundraiser!

Rabbi Mallach brings to our community his wealth of experience in Adult, Family and Youth Education, along with his vision of charting a Judaic path to choose to live a Jewishly-enriched lifestyle. Having embarked on the journey of moving from living in just the secular world, with all of its inherent pressures, to embracing the spiritually enhanced world of Jewish observance, Rabbi Mallach is committed to bringing the teachings of our tradition to others in order to invest their lives with a sense of a greater numinous content.

Rabbi Mallach shares in our community with his wife Genya, daughters: Elana and Scott Rosenbaum and grandchildren Hayley, Hayden, and Hayzel, and their younger daughter, Ester and grandchildren Winter and River.



Samantha Lipkin is a senior at Jonathan Dayton High School. She attended Shorashim at Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael (TBAY) from K-7th grade, and had her Bat Mitzvah at TBAY in March 2019. Since then, she has been involved with Madrichim, the youth leaders' program at TBAY. Currently she has been assigned to Kitah Hay (5th graders) and assists them with Hebrew language reading and prayer studies.

Samantha has been involved with Troop 40009 of the Girl Scouts of America from first grade through present. Most recently, she volunteered at the Hillside Community Food Bank, and is always involved in fundraising activities with this organization.

Samantha has also worked as a lifeguard at the Springfield community pool and is currently a lifeguard at the Summit YMCA and has received CPR/AED certification.

Samantha plays Varsity level tennis and is on the Varsity swim team at JDHS. She is currently involved with Yearbook planning as well.

Samantha would like to study Media Communications when she attends college in Fall 2024. She has been accepted to several schools to date and is awaiting responses from several more schools.

מזל טוב!! כול הכבוד!!



RABBI MARK MALLACH

MAN OF THE YEAR

SAMANTHA LIPKIN

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

Rabbi Mallach, thank you for being my friend and mentor - truly my Rav.

Sam, thank you for your tireless devotion to teaching our religious school students and for your delightful chanting Torah at High Holy Days.

You are both inspirations to us all. Todah Rabah! Mazal Tov! Kol haKavod!

-- Rabbi Adrienne Rubin

MAZEL TOV TO THE HONOREES

LEN WHITMAN
REGIONAL MAN OF THE YEAR

TEMPLE BETH AHM YISRAEL HONOREES

RABBI MARK MALLACH
&
SAMANTHA LIPKIN

With appreciation and admiration,
David and Lisa Glass; Carolyn and Jonah

MAN / YOUTH of the YEAR

NNJR

Mazel

Tov

Temple Beth
Ahm Yisrael
would like to
congratulate



Man of the Year
Rabbi Mark Mallach

Youth of the Year
Samantha Lipkin



Thank you

Rabbi Mallach

for all you did to keep
the memories of the
Holocaust alive.

The Kleiner Family

Rabbi Mark,

*We are grateful for your outstanding
commitment and constant dedication to
our sacred TBAY community.*

*Your caring, meaningful, and tireless good
deeds support us and greatly enhance our
lives. Thanks for having been our spiritual
leader and dearest friend.*

*Yasher Koach and Mazal Tov on this very
special recognition !*

*Wishing you continued strength, good
health, happiness, and the blessing of peace.*

Jackie & Andy Schuyler

Rabbi Mark Mallach-

Mazal Tov on this recognition, for what we know is an exceptionally meaningful aspect of your career and your life. Thank you for all you have been, and continue to be, to our family for so long, and to so many of us.

Samantha Lipkin-

Mazal Tov on being named TBAY Youth of the Year. This award highlights the importance you have placed on giving to your community at such a young age. May you continue along these lines for many years into the future. We are so happy for you and your family.

*Lesley, David, Lexie,
Noam and Talya Brooks*

Mazel Tov To

Rabbi Mark Mallach, Man of the Year

Samantha Lipkin, Youth of the Year



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

Debbie and Steve Nadel

**Congratulations Rabbi Mark,
Samantha, and Len!**



**Thank you for all of
your work,
dedication and
service that help
make NNJR/TBAY a
great community.**

The Wohl Family

YASHER KOACH

To Rabbi Mark Mallach

Man of the Year

To Samantha Lipkin

Youth of the Year

To Len Whitman

Regional Man of the Year

**From Women's League of
Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael**

Mazel Tov!

**Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael
Honorees**

Rabbi Mark Mallach
Man of the Year

Samantha Lipkin
Youth of the Year

The Margulies Family
Ellyn, Brian, Alanna,
Charlie and Will

Congratulations
to
**Rabbi
Mark Mallach**

Men's Club
Man of the Year

Gayle and Simon Rosenbach

Congratulations to

Rabbi Mark Mallach

on being selected as this year's
Man-of-the-Year award recipient.

You have always been an active
and strong supporter of our TBAY
Men's Club for many years.

We look forward to your being
with our TBAY family for many
years to come and wish you
future good health.

With Love,

Elliot and Barbara Merkin

MAZAL TOV
TO ALL OF THESE “SUPER” PEOPLE

Barbara Eglow
Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael

**Congradulations to
Rabbi Mark Mallach
And
Samantha Lipkin**

Mazel Tov, Mazel Tov
May you continue to grow in the wisdom and faith
that you have both epitomized year after year.

**With Love,
Phyllis and Steven Taub**

Congratulations to
Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael Men's Club
Man of the Year - Rabbi Mark Mallach
&
Youth of the Year - Samantha Lipkin

Gene Gorrin



Congratulations!

Man of The Year: Rabbi Mark Mallach

Youth of The Year: Samantha Lipkin

Celebrating the dedication you have shown
on the way to this achievement.

Mazel Tov to our Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael recipients.

Wishing you all the best,
Julie, Jeffrey, Max, and Sam Scherzer

Rabbi Mark Mallach

WISHING YOU THE BEST

ON BEING SELECTED AS “MAN OF THE YEAR”

BY THE MEN’S CLUB OF TEMPLE BETH AHM YISRAEL

A MOST DESERVING AWARD

*Esther Avnet
and
Norton Scherzer*

Congratulations to

Rabbi Mallach

on being chosen TBAY’s Man of the Year.

*Thank you for your many years of
dedication to the congregation
and the Men’s Club.*

Bernie Flashberg

Dear Saba,

Congratulations!

We are so honored
to be celebrating
with you.



Love you always,
Hayley, Hayden and Hayzel

Rabbi Mallach

WE ARE SO GRATEFUL
TO HAVE HAD YOUR GUIDANCE AND CARE
THROUGH HAPPY AND SAD TIMES IN OUR LIVES.

WITH LOVE AND APPRECIATION,

*The Wohlgemuth Family
Susan, Jerry, Sarah and Adam*



Congratulations to our daughter



Samantha Lipkin

on being named “Youth of the Year” for Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael.

What an outstanding achievement and
what dedication to your heritage!

We are SO proud of you!

Love, Mom, Dad & Gabby

***Mazal tov to
Samantha Lipkin
and to all NNJR
Men’s Club honorees.***

***May you go from strength to strength and
be blessed with good health and רוח אלוהים .***

Rabbi Mark and Genya Mallach

Congregation B'Nai Jeshurun (Staten Island, NY)



My name is **Larry Reich**. I am a member of Congregation B'nai Jeshurun on Staten Island, as well as a member of the Board of Trustees. I am also the Vice President of Ritual and I am on the membership and education committees. Of these, a major job is to create a Haftarah chanting schedule using the shul members.

I am a retired high school biology teacher and guidance counselor. I have a Masters in microbiology, including a research thesis at Roswell Park Cancer Center in treating cancer and also, a Masters in counseling with a thesis involving career decision-making. I spend my retirement enjoying art museums, gardening, nature, yoga, Judaism, cooking for health and especially time with my two daughters and seven grandchildren.

My parents came to the USA in 1938, escaping the holocaust. I was raised in an orthodox home. They sent me to Yeshiva, but I only stayed for three years, because my dream was to become a biology teacher. I had polio and I had trouble walking as a young boy. Science (especially life science) and religion were magical to me.

I was a member of the Boy Scouts for only one year. During that time, I experienced winter camping and even though I came home frozen, I thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

While working as a teacher I prepared students for, and I judged, science fairs. I spent some summers camping in the National Parks and working as a nature specialist in sleep away camps.

My appreciation for nature and biology, as one who is also a student of Judaism is shown by my favorite (most meaningful quote for me) in Psalm 92:

“How vast Your works, Adonai!
Your designs are beyond our grasp.”

I led a hike, on a beautiful fall day, for 21 Hebrew school children and parents, in honor of one of our beloved CBJ members. I also led our youth groups on a hike in June. On Tu B' Shevat I led a planting of sunflower seeds, and for Lag B'Omer, I planted a small fig tree with the help of the Hebrew school children.

I greatly appreciate learning from our rabbi, Rabbi Sam Kastel, that a leading Jewish theologian and philosopher of the 20th century, Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel (January 11, 1907-December 23, 1972) often used expressions of awe at his viewing of nature. He said, “Awe precedes faith: it is the root of faith.” (Wilderness Torah, Center For Earth-Based Judaism. Wonder and Awe: The Radical Amazement of Abraham Joshua Heschel with Rabbi Mike Comins)

Recently, I did a lesson where I asked the children to picture and draw, what the creation of the world looked like.

Along with another member, an adult walking club was started for exercise and love of nature.

I hope to do other lessons connecting nature with G-d.

Larry Reich

Dedicated to the Shul
and to his family.

Always there when
we need him.

Congratulations,

Susan and Jack Bender

Mazel Tov and Yasher Koach

NNJR-FJMC Regional
Man of the Year

Len Whitman

Congregation B'nai Jeshurun
Man of the Year

Larry Reich

Joel and Sharon Brimmer

***Mazel Tov and
Yasher Koach***

Larry Reich

**For your service, commitment and
dedication to CBJ of Staten Island**

**May you continue to be a
source of strength for the
Jewish Community**

**Men's Club of CBJ
Joel Brimmer
President CBJ Men's Club**

Yasher Koach and Mazel Tov

Larry Reich
CBJ's Man of the Year

Thank you for your dedication to the CBJ community, from the hikes with the Hebrew School and youth groups to the Friday morning walks. You planted sunflower seeds on Tu B'Shevat and a fig tree on Lag B'Omer with the Hebrew School and now oversee our grounds. All have enhanced the beauty of our synagogue and your dedication and innovation as Vice President of Ritual has enhanced our spirit.

Our gratitude for all you have done and continue to do for CBJ. We are inspired by your commitment.

CBJ Officers and Board of Trustees

Dr. Esther Grushkin

CENTER for ARTS + CULTURE

Is proud to honor

our dear friend,

Larry Reich

for

Congregation B'nai Jeshurun

Man of the Year Award.

Larry is a true leader whose passion and hard work
translate vision into reality.

You are an inspiration to us all!!

Jerry Grushkin

Stephanie Mizrahi

Yasher Koach to

Larry Reich

CBJ's Man of the Year

Thank you for your service and dedication on behalf of Congregation B'nai Jeshurun and the Jewish Community of Staten Island

Cantor Mordechai Edry
Congregation B'nai Jeshurun

LARRY REICH

Congratulations to Congregation B'nai Jeshurun's
Man of the Year 2023

Larry has proven to be an extraordinary asset to our community.

He is . . .

our dedicated Ritual Committee Chairman

our "in house" naturalist...

~ planting and nurturing a fig tree sapling

~ working with our Hebrew School students, planting seeds and leading nature walks

~ leading Friday morning walks in our local Clove Lakes Park.

Thank you, Larry, for all that you do for CBJ. This honor is truly well deserved.

Ruth Greenwald

Shomrei Torah, The Wayne Conservative Congregation (Wayne)



Jeff Appel is honored to be selected as Man of the Year by the Shomrei Torah Wayne Men's Club.

Jeff and his wife Lisa moved to Wayne and joined Shomrei Torah in 1995. He currently serves on the Executive Committee in his second stint as Financial Secretary and as Finance Committee Chair since 2009. He has been on the Board of Trustees and co-chaired a 3-year Federation sponsored Strategic Planning effort. For several years, along with co-conspirator Scott Podell, he held an annual Men's Club New York Jets Tailgate at the Shul parking lot that included Meadowlands-style grill and lawn football games prior to near certain Jets losses each year and has led building the synagogue Sukkah for over 20 years. The synagogue became important for Jeff and they could not be

happier to be part of this wonderful and inclusive congregation.

He grew up in East Meadow, NY then went to college at Virginia Tech, where he studied Electrical Engineering and served as Business Manager for the *Engineers Forum* student magazine before earning an MBA from Hofstra. Jeff is a Program Director at BAE Systems where he leads a military Navigation and Datalinks products business, after working as a design engineer for military IFF and display products at Cardion Electronics on Long Island and Honeywell in Teterboro, NJ. He is married to Lisa, celebrating their 34th anniversary in 2023, and has 3 adult children; Alyssa, who recently married (by Jeff as officiant) Daniel Marcus, Andrew, an engineer at BAE Systems and Jared, who works for Equitable Insurance company.

Jeff, having played basketball since high school, turned to ice hockey at 40, trading ruining his knees and ankles for back and hip pain, and still plays hockey 20 years later. Vacations for Jeff and Lisa used to include trips to Ann Arbor, Tucson and East Lansing to visit their kids while in college at Michigan, Arizona and Michigan State and now typically includes an island beach. Jeff loves sports and will tell you, "If there are at least two guys, a ball and a score," he's interested. Aside from his and his children's college teams, he supports Arsenal FC in the UK, the Jets, Yankees, Knicks and Islanders, having grown up 5 minutes from the Nassau Coliseum.



My name is **Jason Hook**. I am a senior at Wayne Hills High School, where I am a member of the Video Club, Masque and Gavel Club, and the Graphics Club. I am also the president of Wayne's local AZA chapter of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization. My hobbies include listening to music, spending time with friends, and announcing sporting events for my school's YouTube channel. I am grateful for this honor and will continue spreading Jewish values in my community.



Youth of the year **Ilana Leshowitz** has been a member of Shomrei Torah since third grade. Ilana lives through music - she plays violin, ukulele, guitar, and, of course, sings. She enjoys performing in her school's fall and spring musical productions but one of her favorite places to use her voice is the bimah; her violin has also made appearances at annual Hanukkah celebrations and services.

Ilana also finds immense joy in spending her Sunday mornings with Morah Laura and the H4H preschoolers--their little giggles and wonderful energy always begin the day with sunshine. On Tuesday evenings, Ilana can be found at Hebrew High, discussing increasingly important topics and building ever-growing relationships with her peers. The Shomrei Torah community has -- and will always have -- a special place in Ilana's heart; she is truly honored to receive the "Youth of the Year" title.

The Men's Club

and

Sisterhood

of Shomrei Torah , Wayne,
offer a *Mazel Tov* to our **MOY**

Jeff Appel

and our **co-YOY**

Jason Hook

and

Ilana Leshowitz

Thank you all for your dedication
and service to our congregation.

Congratulations

Jeff Appel

For being honored as the

“Man of the Year”

Mazel Tov

on this

Much Deserved Honor!

Love,

The Marks Family

Arlene, Michael, Josh, Matt and Emily

Mazel Tov

Jason Hook

for this well-deserved honor!

We are very proud of you and your contributions to our synagogue and Jewish community.

Keep up the good work!

*With lots of love and pride,
Mom, Dad, and Aaron*



**The Board of Trustees of Shomrei Torah
Wayne Conservative Congregation**

are very thankful that

JEFF APPEL

and

ILANA LESHOWITZ

and

JASON HOOK

are members of our community!

Congratulations to our **Man of the Year** and our

Youths of the Year

on these well-deserved honors!!!!

WISHING A HEARTY

MAZEL TOV

TO THE HONOREES OF
SHOMREI TORAH, WAYNE

JEFF APPEL

ILANA LESHOWITZ

JASON HOOK

Sue & Barry Mirsky

Elaine & Sy Schlossberg

Honoring: **JEFF APPEL**

For the past 30 years, he has been our perennial Man of the Year.

From Pre-School at the Y to Football at the Big House (Go Blue!) to Weddings under the Chuppah, the joy of all Family Milestones is always enhanced because we've shared them with him and his wonderful family.

He is the gold standard of a friend, a fellow congregant, and a mensch.

Congratulations Jeff on this most well deserved honor we love you and can't wait to keep celebrating life with you.

And to our Co-Youth of the Year:

JASON HOOK & ILANA LESHOWITZ

Mazel Tov to you both! You are our future at Shomrei Torah.

Congratulations from the All the Podell's,

*Adrienne, Scott, Aaron & Shayna,
Laine & Cody, Jake*

YASHAR KOACH!

We are so proud of Jeff Appel

our Man of the Year.

He has served our Men's Club for many years
and is also an officer of the synagogue.

Our Youths of the Year:

Ilana Leshowitz and Jason Hook

are an example to our younger students.

We are happy to have teens we can count on!

Mazal Tov to each of them!

Dassy and Rabbi Randy Mark

~To Our Favorite Dad and Husband~

Jeffrey Appel

Your family and friends are so happy to support you as Man of the Year for Shomrei Torah's Wayne Conservative Congregation! You are "Man of the Year" every single day in our eyes and we are so proud!

Your commitment to Shomrei Torah has not gone unnoticed, and today we honor your hard work and dedication. Being on the finance committee, you help ensure the success of our synagogue – an important Jewish center for the Wayne community. But perhaps your greatest contribution is being the tallest member in the Congregation. Without which we would not have a Sukkah every year.

Thank you for all that you do and congratulations!

With so much love,

Lisa, Alyssa, Andrew and Jared Appel

Jeff, Jason, Ilana

Congratulation on being honored as

Man of the Year and **Youths of the Year**

The three of you deserve it so much. For your contribution to our Jewish community and Shomrei Torah.

Yishar Koach to all of you!

Best wishes with much respect and love,

Zev and Tova Friede

Congratulations to

JEFF, JASON & ILANA

On Being Honored As

“Man” and “Co-Youth” of the Year

-Cindy and Alan Merker

To the Shomrei Torah WCC
Man of the Year *Jeff Appel*
and to our Youths of the Year
Ilana Leshowitz and *Jason Hook*
The Blecherman family says,
!! יישר כחכם !!

CONGRATULATIONS TO

JEFF APPEL

and

ILANA LESHOWITZ

Thank you for all your contributions to Shomrei Torah!

Ilissa, Howard, Aaron, and Jason Hook



B'nai Shalom (West Orange)



Larry Prince is honored to be chosen as the B'nai Shalom's 2024 Men's Club Man of the Year, and thanks the committee members for selecting him.

He is an active member of the West Orange B'nai Shalom's Men's Club. Each year he develops and runs the Men's Club Health and Wellness Program, which has evolved into community engagement. Larry looks forward to spending time with friends at different club events including Scotch in the Sukkah.

Larry has spent a number of years on the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees evolving to the position of Executive Vice President. His work has included long-range planning, financial management, co-running the annual campaign, and overseeing the Rabbi search process that led us to Rabbi Tobin.

Larry grew up in Paramus, NJ. His mother motivated the family's love of Israel and all things Judaic. The family was a member of the Paramus Jewish Community Center. He attended Fairleigh Dickinson University earning bachelor's and master's degrees in the sciences, and then an Ed.M. in Applied Physiology from Teacher's College, Columbia University. After graduate school, inspired by his Dad's entrepreneurial spirit, Larry developed and opened a weight loss business with a physician.

Attending Fairleigh Dickinson led to more than an education, it was in the library that Larry met his future wife, Tami, a student of computer science. They married in 1989 and began their family in West Orange with their first child, Ryan, in 1992. Erica joined the family three years later. Both Ryan and Erica are proud graduates of our Shul's Religious School. Ryan and Erica are now married and building their lives with their spouses, Dayane and Pablo, respectively.

After spending 23 years at Roche Pharmaceuticals, Larry started his consulting business. He works with business owners and senior leaders of small and middle market businesses to shape their future for growth and guides them on that path forward. He has published more than 15 articles in different business journals.

Larry has also led town-projects for the Board of Education, coached his children in their sports including baseball through his son's high school years, and loved co-running the Pack 10 Cub Scout troop for two years. Don't get him started talking about his vegetable garden, you'll end up with a tour of his tomatoes and potato plants. Tami and Larry love their bed and breakfast trips to get away from it all.



Ethan Noah Kampel is a senior at West Orange High School. He resides with his parents and his older sister, Risa, who is a student at the University of Pittsburgh. Ethan is a high honor roll student and a member of the National Honor Society.

Ethan has been very active in Jewish life over the years. He has always been an eager Shabbat presence at B'nai Shalom, leading parts of the service even before he became Bar Mitzvah. He immediately joined Kadima and attended all Hagalil conventions through his years in USY. He served on his local USY board, and was elected vice president of religious education for the region in 2022. He is currently serving as president of Hagalil.

He recently attended a retreat for young Jewish leaders in Chicago. In addition, Ethan reinvigorated the Israeli Culture Club at school, and he has been president of JSU (Jewish Student Union) since the fall of 2022. Becoming involved in NCSY gave Ethan the opportunity to travel to Puerto Rico and New Orleans. As part of these missions, Ethan helped rebuild homes in local communities that were damaged by hurricanes.

Ethan worked at Camp Ramah Nyack this past summer and is planning on returning next year. He also works as a counselor for the Kid's Club After School program at JCC Metrowest. He is looking forward to continuing his Jewish journey by being engaged at Hillel and/or Chabad on campus next year.

Ethan is an avid sports fan, and he is most passionate about baseball. He was a starting pitcher for last year's junior varsity team at West Orange High School and was recognized for athletic achievement. Ethan also plays double bass for the school orchestra. Ethan has his eyes on politics, and was involved in debates with his peers at Student Union meetings.

He has very passionate feelings about Eretz Yisrael, and he was lucky enough to visit there twice. During the difficult time in October, he helped organize different ways to support Israel at school. Finally, Ethan has continued to look for ways to give back to the Shul by volunteering to teach younger children prayers. He is especially proud of assisting in Minyan Meyuchad, where he reads Torah for adults who have special needs.

Ethan is very honored to have been chosen as the 2024 B'nai Shalom Youth of the Year. He would like to thank Rabbi Tobin, Rena Casser, his sister Risa, and of course his parents for all their love, support, and guidance.



West Orange B'nai Shalom

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

Yasher Koach

to our

**2024 Man of the Year
Honoree**

Larry Prince

and to our

**2024 Youth of the Year
Honoree**

Ethan Kampel

2023-2024 NNJR Executive Board

The members of the Executive Board of the Northern NJ Region (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 nnjr.org.



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2023/5784 NNJR Man of the Year Celebration Committee

Thank you for participating in this year's Man of the Year & Youth of the Year Celebration, contributing ads to support the programs of the 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, and invite our community to celebrate.

Thank you to the members of our NNJR Man of the Year Celebration Committee who worked tirelessly to plan this year's Celebration, coordinate the event, collect the honoree bios and photos, and assemble this tribute journal. It is truly a team effort!

Yasher Koach!

Mike Keats, Chair



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