

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



2024/5785
Man of the Year & Youth of the Year
35th Annual Celebration

Tribute Program
(Northern and 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 26 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 35th 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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Order of Ceremonies - Northern Clubs NNJR Celebration

December 8, 2024

Welcome from co-Chairs, 5785 Man of the Year Celebration

Michael Keats, NNJR Vice President, Temple Sholom (Bridgewater)
Len Whitman, 2023 NNJR Man of the Year, Marlboro Jewish Center

The Star-Spangled Banner, Hatikvah

Rabbi Cantor Menachem Toren, Pine Brook Jewish Center (Montville)

Mincha Service

David Millman, NNJR Vice President, Temple Israel & JCC (Ridgewood)

D'var Torah

Rabbi Howard Siegel, Congregation B'nai Sholom/Fair Lawn Jewish Center (Fair Lawn)

Welcoming Remarks from NNJR President

David Julis, East Brunswick Jewish Center (East Brunswick)

Presentation of Club Honorees

Larry Klioze, NNJR Exec VP, Highland Park Conservative Temple.– Congregation Anshe Emeth (Highland Park)

Congregation Agudath Israel (Caldwell)

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

Temple Beth Shalom (Livingston)

Pine Brook Jewish Center (Montville)

Congregation Torat El (Oakhurst)

Temple Israel & Jewish Community Center (Ridgewood)

Congregation Beth Israel (Scotch Plains)

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

Len Whitman, 2023 NNJR Man of the Year, Marlboro Jewish Center (Marlboro)

Remarks from the NNJR Man of the Year

Steve Katz, NNJR Financial Secretary, Congregation B'nai Tikvah (North Brunswick)

Closing Remarks from co-Chair, 5785 Man of the Year Celebration

Michael Keats, Temple Sholom (Bridgewater)

Honoree Group Photo

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



Order of Ceremonies - Southern Clubs NNJR Celebration

December 15, 2024

Welcome from co-Chairs, 5785 Man of the Year Celebration

Michael Keats, NNJR Vice President, Temple Sholom (Bridgewater)
Len Whitman, NNJR Vice President, Marlboro Jewish Center (Marlboro)

The Star-Spangled Banner, Hatikvah

Cantor Michelle Teplitz, Marlboro Jewish Center (Marlboro)
Cantor Bruce Rockman, Congregation B'nai Tikvah (North Brunswick)

Mincha Service

Scott Horowitz, NNJR Secretary, Congregation Beth El (South Orange)

D'var Torah

Rabbi Robert L. Wolkoff, Congregation B'nai Tikvah (North Brunswick)

Welcoming Remarks from NNJR President

David Julis, East Brunswick Jewish Center (East Brunswick)

Presentation of Club Honorees

Larry Klioze, NNJR Exec VP, Highland Park Conservative Temple.– Congregation Anshe Emeth (Highland Park)

Temple Beth Ahm (Aberdeen)

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Marlboro Jewish Center (Marlboro)

Neve Shalom (Metuchen)

Congregation B'nai Tikvah (North Brunswick)

Congregation Temple Beth El (Somerset)

Introduction of NNJR Man of the Year

Len Whitman, 2023 NNJR Man of the Year, Marlboro Jewish Center (Marlboro)

Remarks from the NNJR Man of the Year

Steve Katz, NNJR Financial Secretary, Congregation B'nai Tikvah (North Brunswick)

Closing Remarks from Chair, 5785 Man of the Year Celebration

Michael Keats, Temple Sholom (Bridgewater)

Honoree Group Photo

Eric Weis, past NNJR President, Shomrei Torah, The Wayne Conservative Congregation (Wayne)

NNJR Man of the Year Biography & Congratulations

Steve Katz

Congregation B'nai Tikvah (North Brunswick)



I am truly humbled and flattered to be recognized as the FJMC NNJR Man-of-the-Year. To be bestowed such an honor does not come without a lot of hard work and support, love, and passion by those around me.

I am originally from Brooklyn growing up in Warbasse, which is a Co-op located on Ocean Parkway. I was always surrounded by family and friends so there never was an opportunity to get into too much trouble. I was a good Jewish boy, “most of the time”.



My family belonged to Jewish Center of Brighton Beach, which is a grand Orthodox shul located on Ocean Parkway. Rabbi David Neustein presided over our congregation, which was quite large. Rabbi Neustein was a great speaker and as a child I used to be transfixed by his sermons. Many years later, he still left his mark on me, spiritually and literally, as he was my Business Law Professor in College.

After graduating Mark Twain JHS (SP), and then Lincoln HS, it was off to CUNY Brooklyn College. There, I majored in Accounting. During my Junior year, I was elected the Male Intermural Sports Chairman, running a sports program for over 5,000 “athletes”. I was active socially in House Plans, which at Brooklyn College was a local “fraternity/sorority” system, this all cemented my “Good Jewish Boy” reputation.

Upon graduation, I worked on Wall Street for Bear Stearns. After the Banking crisis, I became a Federal Agent for the FDIC in Capital Markets and Compliance, which helped mold the foundation for my future success. I worked for a top Global Core Banking tech. provider helping establish their US presence. For the past 22 years, I’ve worked for one of the largest Financial Technology companies, heading up their sales effort for Banking Risk, Fraud, and Compliance products and services.

On a fated night the day after Thanksgiving in 1979, I was invited to a party at a close friend’s house. That is where I met the love of my life, my wife Andrea. Some years later and together maturing to young adults we got married and moved to South Brunswick, New Jersey.

We are blessed to have two great children, Matthew and Melissa. We’ve been members of Congregation B’nai Tikvah for close to 30 years. I truly call it my second home as we are a welcomed part of its community. Andrea and I have maintained active involvement in Sisterhood, Men’s Club, Bikur Cholim, and supporting and participating in events and of course religious services. Our children studied and maintained a connection past their B’nai Mitzvah and graduated Chai School. Both achieved the highest status in Scouting, Eagle and Gold Award, and incorporated projects at CBT. Today Andrea and I are very proud of their accomplishments and personal/professional success.



Congregation B'nai Tikvah's
Rabbi Robert L. Wolkoff

and

Cantor Bruce Rockman

congratulate our two Men of the Year

Northern New Jersey Regional Man of the Year

STEVE KATZ

and

Congregation B'nai Tikvah Man of the Year

STEVE CHERNELA

Mazal Tov and Yashar Kochachem for all you do!

*"One good man, one good man, it ain't much –
it's only everything."*

(Deborah Kerr)



CONGRATS
STEVE KATZ, REGIONAL MEN'S
CLUB MAN OF THE YEAR
STEVE CHERNELA, CBT MEN'S
CLUB MAN OF THE YEAR

Congregation B'nai Tikvah
Board of Directors
5785



YASHER KOACH

TO

STEVE KATZ

REGIONAL MAN OF THE YEAR

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Yasher Koach to our very own

Steve Katz



2024 FJMC NNJR Regional Man of the Year

Thank you for your continued dedication to our club and for all you do for our congregation. Thanks for being a mentor and mensch to all us who have followed in your footsteps.

Congregation B'nai Tikvah Men's Club



MAZEL TOV

to

Youth of the Year

SAM SCHERZER

&

Man of the Year

STEVEN NADEL

&

Regional Man of the Year

STEVE KATZ

**May you be given many blessings
for your good work.**

*With appreciation,
Isabell Adler & Family*

MAZEL TOV TO THE HONOREES

STEVE KATZ
REGIONAL MAN OF THE YEAR

TEMPLE BETH AHM YISRAEL HONOREES

STEVE NADEL
&
SAM SCHERZER (Page 6)

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



To our great friend

Steve Nadel:

Thank you for all you do for our community, for your intelligence and enthusiasm and humor, and for holding dear a myriad of causes related to Jewish life, both locally and globally. Mazal Tov!

To

Sam Scherzer:

Mazal Tov on this honor! We have seen you grow up and look forward to what your future holds. You and your nuclear and extended family have contributed for generations to our community, and we thank all of you for your leadership and support.

We also wish

Steve Katz

a hearty Mazal Tov and thanks.

The Brooks Family

David, Lesley, Lexie, Noam and Talya



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

Mazel Tov & Yasher Koach

Steve Katz

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



Mazel Tov

STEVE KATZ!!!
NNJ Region MOY

and locally

Eric Abrams

Beth El Synagogue MOY
&

Max Gertsman

Beth El Synagogue YOY

Congratulations on your honor
and thanks for all you do!

Rob Blitzer & Family

**Sometimes...
a cigar is just a cigar... but
Our RMOY is a Mensch!**



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

Mike Keats



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



Congrats!

**Celebrating the
2024 FJMC Honorees.**

**Mazel Tov and Yasher Koach
for your efforts in enhancing
our temple community!**



Man of The Year: Steven Nadel

Youth of The Year: Sam Scherzer

Regional Man of The Year: Steve Katz

Congratulations Steven, Sam, and Steven!



Thank you for your work, dedication, and service that help make NNJR/TBAY a great community!

The Wohl Family

MAN OF THE YEAR

STEVEN KATZ

**FAMILY MAN
FRIEND TO ALL**

MAZEL TOV!



LOVE,
ANDREA, MATTHEW, MELISSA, MOM AND GALE

Congratulations to the Northern NJ Region MOY

Steve Katz - *a genuine classic!*



~ David Millman



**Mazal Tov to our own CBTERS
Steve Katz & Steve Chernela**

כל הכבוד

Stuart and Debra Allen

Mazel tov to our Steves!

Steve Katz | Steve Chernela

Thank you for your dedication to the B'nai Tikvah community

Ben Gottesman and Linda Fellen

Congratulations Steve Katz!!



מזל טוב!

From one RMOY (Larry Klioze) to another:
“Welcome to the club!”

(P.S. Make sure you get the key to the secret RMOY schvitz room from Len.)

Northern Clubs of the Northern NJ Region: Honoree Biographies & Congratulations

Town	Synagogue	Man of the Year	Youth of the Year
Caldwell	Congregation Agudath Israel	Steven Fichtenbaum	
Fair Lawn	Congregation B'nai Sholom / Fair Lawn Jewish Center	Charlie Cohen	
Livingston	Temple Beth Shalom	Brett Rogers	
Montville	Pine Brook Jewish Center	Barry Marks	Matthew Kraut
Oakhurst	Congregation Toral El	Warren Epstein	Sam Fields
Ridgewood	Temple Israel & Jewish Community Center	Scott Leiman	Jacob Berger
Scotch Plains	Congregation Beth Israel	Jonathan Jaffe	Jonah Leske Sopia Loewenthal
Springfield	Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael	Steven Nadel	Sam Scherzer
Staten Island	Congregation B'Nai Jeshurun	Dennis Kass	Maia Konowitz
Wayne	Shomrei Torah, The Wayne Conservative Congregation	Jeff Golden	Eliana Fleischer Marley Smith
West Orange	B'nai Shalom	Donald Batchelder	

Congregation Agudath Israel (Caldwell)



Steve Fichtenbaum is being recognized as Man of the Year by Congregation Agudath Israel's (CAI) Men's Club, an honor that reflects his dedication to both the synagogue and its community. He deeply values the Men's Club for its meaningful service to the congregation and the strong bonds of friendship it fosters among its members.

Steve was born and raised in Brooklyn as a child of Holocaust survivors. He and his wife, Joyce, moved to New Jersey 48 years ago and have since raised two children, Cory and Michael. Steve is an accomplished attorney with a background from Rutgers Law School and NYU Law School, where he earned a Masters in Taxation. Joyce is a respected Doctor of Psychology at The Kessler Institute, with over 30 years of service.

A member of CAI for more than 25 years, Steve has been actively involved in both the Men's Club and the Board of Directors. He is a regular participant in the daily minyan and serves as Gabai, overseeing various religious functions. He is also engaged in the congregation's educational offerings and serves on the CAI Legacy Committee. Outside of synagogue life, Steve enjoys traveling, Broadway shows, and engaging in lively conversations with fellow congregants after services.

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



Charlie Cohen has been an active Member of the Men's Progress Club of CBS/FLJC for 48 years. Charlie is a native New Yorker-born in Brooklyn, grew up in Bronx and lived in Manhattan where he luckily met Sara. They got married at B'nai Jeshurun & their first apartment was on 72nd St on the Upper West Side. A few years later, they made a very good move across the Hudson to Fair Lawn NJ in Dec.1969.

Happily married to wife Sara for 58 years with two adult children : Stuart & wife Marta, who reside in Chicago IL, & Diana & husband Anatoli , who reside in Newton, MA , and they are very proud of five Grandchildren: Aaron, Evan and Nathan, Elana & Max . Charlie was Past President of the Men's Progress Club & is a .current Board member of MPC.. Charlie was past Chair of Religious Affairs Committee.. He

has Chaired Yom Hashoah Yellow Candles since inception. Charlie initiated & Chairs MPC's Chanukah Candle Program.

Charlie is current Co-Chair of CBS/FLJC Adult Education & moderates a monthly Jewish Film Discussion . Charlie retired from a career in Industry & continues to help out in synagogue activities. Charlie is grateful & appreciative of the high honor of MPC's Man of the Year, Charlie shares this Honor with other members, past and present, since the Men's Progress Club's formation in 1942 resulting in the establishment of the FIRST synagogue in Fair Lawn.



CONGREGATION B'NAI SHOLOM
FAIR LAWN JEWISH CENTER

**CBS/FLJC Proudly recognizes
Charles Cohen
as our MPC Man of the Year**



**For his many years of service, his
generous contribution of time, and
all his efforts on behalf of our
congregation and the Men's
Progress Club**

**TODAH RABAH FOR THE MPC 2024
“ MAN OF THE YEAR ” HONOR**



CHARLES & SARA COHEN & FAMILY

Stuart Cohen & Marta Steele
Aaron Cohen
Evan Cohen

Diana & Anatoli Shabashov
Nathan Shabashov
Elana Shabashov
Max Shabashov

**THE MEN'S PROGRESS CLUB of
CONGREGATION B'NAI SHOLOM /
FAIR LAWN JEWISH CENTER**

“ AM YISRAEL CHAI ”

Mazel Tov to our

Man of the Year

Charlie Cohen

Thank you for all that you do for

**Congregation B'nai Shalom /
Fair Lawn Jewish Center**

Esther & Stuart Rubinstein

CONGREGATION B'NAI SHOLOM/FAIR LAWN JEWISH CENTER

HONORS CHARLES COHEN

OUR MPC MAN OF THE YEAR



We are grateful for all the things Charlie does to help bring our community together. He's a mensch!

Mazel Tov to Charlie Cohen on being honored as MPC Man of the Year for the NNJ Region – such a well-deserved honor!

Thank you for all you do!



Lois & Mark Meisel



Temple Beth Shalom (Livingston)



Brett Rogers is honored to be chosen by Temple Beth Shalom's Men's Club as 2024 Man of the Year. He has been actively involved in the Men's Club for several years and is currently a Board Member and the Corresponding Secretary. Brett is also a member of the TBS Men's Club Softball team. Brett was formerly a Board Member and Treasurer for the Westchester Celiac Support Group and has coached various recreational sports teams through the years including soccer, basketball, baseball and floor hockey.

Brett grew up in Marlboro, New Jersey and was a congregant of Ohev Shalom, Marlboro Jewish Center. He now lives in Livingston with his wife and two teenage boys and has been a member of Temple Beth Shalom since moving to Livingston from New York City in 2013.

Professionally, Brett works at Barings as a Director in the Information Technology Group. Brett earned his B.S. in Finance from Rutgers University and his MBA from NYU Stern. When not working or with the Men's Club, Brett enjoys playing hockey and the drums.

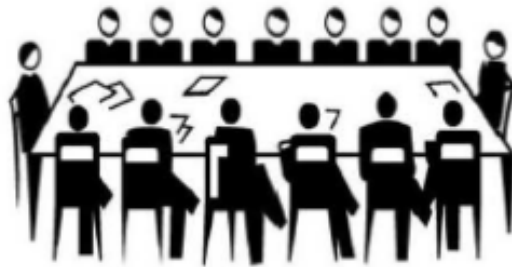


Livingston, NJ

BRETT ROGERS

Our 2024 Man of the Year

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



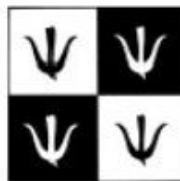
**The Officers, Trustees and
Members of Men's Club**

Brett Rogers

**YASHER KOACH
ON A WELL DESERVED
HONOR !**

**WE SALUTE YOU FOR
ALL YOU DO FOR OUR
MEN'S CLUB, AND FOR
OUR TEMPLE !**

*THE BOARD OF
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TEMPLE BETH SHALOM
LIVINGSTON, NJ*



**2024 Temple Beth Shalom Men's Club
Man of the Year Honoree**

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

BRETT ROGERS
5785 - 2024
Temple Beth Shalom
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 Gottlieb
Dean Konner

Michael Goldstein
Paul Brownstein
Howard Attermann
Arnie Felberbaum
Bob Sperling
Jerry Siskind
Phil Crystal
Peter Gottlieb
Brian Suchoff
Mitch Berkey
Lonny Hirsch
Norm Kurz
Steve Brolin
Jac Bloomberg
Mike Topf
Eric Naggar
Eric Baltuch
Christopher Block

OUR MOST DESERVING
2024 MAN OF THE YEAR
WE'RE PROUD TO HAVE YOU
JOIN OUR RANKS OF MEN'S
CLUB MEN OF THE YEAR

Pine Brook Jewish Center (Montville)



Barry Marks: For 52 years Pine Brook Jewish Center has been Barry Marks' spiritual home. He has served PBJC in many capacities while enjoying the fellowship of its congregants. Serving on the Board of Trustees for 10 years, the Executive Committee for 6 years and the Nominating Committee for 3 years, Barry rose to become President. He is currently in his fifth year as Financial Secretary and helping to develop a newly launched social action initiative. During his Presidency Covid hit and PBJC was forced to pivot; new technology was installed to facilitate virtual services and the web site was updated to enable smooth operations. Equally compelling was the need for additional security. PBJC received its first of several security grants which helped ensure a safe environment for our congregants of PBJC. Barry is also a long-standing member

of PBJC's Men's Club.

Barry graduated from Newark College of Engineering with a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from American University. In 2005, Barry co-founded IntelliCom Analytics, a technology-based consulting firm. Here he utilized skills that he developed at NSA, NASA, AT&T and IBM.

On a personal level, he has celebrated several Life Cycle events at PBJC: his daughter Debbie's baby naming and Bat Mitzvah, his son Aaron's Bar Mitzvah and most recently he was married to Isabel Margolin in the Sanctuary.

Barry is most appreciative to those who made this honor as PBJC's Man of the Year possible.



Matthew Kraut: The Pine Brook Jewish Center has been integral in building Matthew's Jewish identity since he's been a toddler. He began his Jewish education in the Mommy and Me class. He continued through preschool, religious school and his bar mitzvah. Post bar mitzvah, Matthew has been actively involved in the teen *B'Yachad* program as well as a *Madrichim* volunteer. As a *Madrichim*, he has worked with the primary age classes as a teacher's aide and shadow for students with special needs. He has also tutored older students in Hebrew and *Tefilah* and has assisted teachers with class service preparation.

Matthew is currently a senior at Montville Township High School. He is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, earned the Seal of Biliteracy in Spanish as well as recipient of numerous academic and art awards. He is the founder of HOMES (Helpers Organized to Make Everyone Succeed).

This school club works closely with Homeless Solutions, a Morris County based organization, which helps make transitional housing more livable by providing essential items and programs to residents. He is the co-editor-in-chief of the Podium school newspaper as well the layout editor. Matthew is the President of the International Concerns Club, which discusses world issues and works with Amnesty International. He is also a member of the Cultural Diversity Club, Art Club and Film Club. Matthew's greatest passion is his involvement in the Theater Club where he is the Vice President of Production and has been part of the stage crew and is a stage manager. Through the community, Matthew volunteers with REACH (Responsible, Educated, Adolescents Can Help), which provides assistance to organized community programs. Matthew looks forward to studying architecture in college next year.

Through PBJC, Matthew has made lifelong friends and has learned the importance of tzedakah and giving back to the community. He is grateful for being selected for the Youth of the Year award and thanks the PBJC Men's Club for this honor.

Congratulations Pop-Pop Barry! 2024 PBJC Men's Club Man of Year



We are so proud of our grandfather.
Mazel Tov for the recognition of all your
hard work.

We love you!

Love,

The Krentzman and Marks Families



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

Pine Brook Jewish Center and The PBJC Men's Club

Congratulate

Our "Man of the Year"

BARRY MARKS

Our "Youth of the Year"

MATTHEW KRAUT

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.

MAZAL TOV

The PBJC Men's Club

Congratulates our 2024 - 2025 Man-of-the-Year:

Barry Marks

and our 2024 - 2025 Youth-of-the-Year:

Matthew Kraut

In recognition of your leadership,

Hard work and dedication.

You lead us and inspire us.

You are a pride to our faith and

our synagogue family

It was at a Pine Brook Jewish Center Men's Club Blood Drive in 1980 that Barry Marks and I first met. We were lying on gurneys with arms outstretched doing our best to stay focused while racing to see who could pump harder.

Fast forward to 2013; we met again on Kol Nidre as the torah was being marched up the aisles. And we became fast friends, with commonalities of experience.

Now, in 2024, Pine Brook Jewish Center was the site of our recent wedding.



I thank PBJC and its Men's Club for honoring my husband as your Man of the Year. It is so deserving.

-Isabel Margolin

Our Most Sincere Congratulations To:

Barry Marks

PBJC 2024-2025 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
Jonathon Lewis
Jerry Oppenberg
Mark Roffman
Don Rosenthal
Alan Rothberg
Steve Sanders
Charlie Stein
Jeffrey Weiss
Barry Weinreb
Jack Wenarsky
Evan Zuckerman

“Once A Man-Of-The-Year... Always a Man-of-the-Year”

Mazel Tov!



Matthew Kraut

**We are so proud of your accomplishments!
We look forward to all that you will achieve in
the future!**

We love you!

**Mom, Dad, Ethan,
Pop Alan, Pop Arthur, Aunt Leslie
and your family and friends**

Matthew Kraut (Pine Brook Jewish Center)

Matthew,

Congratulations on being selected as Pine Brook Jewish Center Youth of the Year. It is well deserved!!!. You are setting a wonderful example for the other teens within our congregation. I know how proud your family is of this achievement and as they are of you.

I am thrilled to share these honors with you this year.

*Best of luck always,
Barry Marks*



Congregation Torat El (Oakhurst)



Warren Epstein: My life began in Buffalo, NY on July 6, 1942. My family, mom, dad and my sister, moved to Asbury Park, NJ four years later. I had a great childhood living three blocks from the ocean. Being a beach bum was wonderful. In September 1955 I was Bar Mitzvahed at Temple Beth El in Asbury Park. In 1960 I graduated from Asbury Park High School and in 1985 I earned my masters degree from Monmouth College (now Monmouth University). A very important year for me was 1963. I enlisted in the US Coast Guard and married my wife Sandy. In 1965 my son Brian was born. Another important year was 1967. I was discharged from the Coast Guard and my daughter Doni was born. In 1968 I purchased my home in West Long Branch where I am currently living.

For 21 years I was in the Army Reserves as a Combat Engineer.

I spent over 30 years working for the US Government at the former Fort Monmouth as a senior operations research analyst. I taught for 38 years as an adjunct professor in the math department at Monmouth University.

I have been a member of Congregation Torat El since 1986. For over 20 years I have been on the ritual committee and have also been head usher on the high holy days.

As an active member of the local post of the Jewish War Veterans, I participate in the poppy fundraiser. Also, I was the treasurer for many years of the local chapter of American Red Magen David for Israel of which I am an International Life Member.

Sandy and I are currently enjoying retirement.



Sam Fields is a Junior at Ocean Township High School, Spartan School of Business and Finance. Academically he carries a heavy load and is a member of many clubs. Those include being the Vice President of Recruitment for the school's business program, a Junior class officer, writer for the school newspaper The Spartan Spirit, a member of his school's chapter of the ADL's No Place for Hate club, a member of the Future Educators of America club, an attorney last year and a witness for the Mock Trial team. He is also a member of the Distributive Educators Club of America (DECA). Soon, he will be the founder of Club 18, his school's first Jewish Cultural Club.

Sam takes all of these endeavors seriously. He enjoys volunteering every week with the students at his synagogue, leading services and *leining* Torah on a regular basis.



Outside of school, Sam is a part of the Shalom Hartman Institute's Teen Fellowship, and the Tikvah Fund's Solomon Fellowship where he will be writing for the program's Solomon Journal. Sam takes piano lessons and enjoys reading, writing, and watching sports like baseball, basketball, and football. Sam is very interested in Jewish learning, history, philosophy, psychology and politics, always willing to learn new things from every perspective. He thoroughly enjoys TV shows like Curb Your Enthusiasm and Seinfeld.

Sam lives in Wayside, NJ with his parents and has a brother and sister currently attending university. He is extremely honored to be receiving this award.

MAZEL TOV

WARREN EPSTEIN
MAN OF THE YEAR

SAM FIELDS
YOUTH OF THE YEAR

AND ALL OF THE HONOREES



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Congregation Torat El ~ Jersey Shore Jewish Center
Oakhurst, NJ

Congregation Torat El Men's Club

is pleased to recognize our

2024 FJMC honorees:

WARREN EPSTEIN

Man of the Year

SAM FIELDS

Youth of the Year

Mazel Tov and Yasher Koach

We are so proud of you and your achievements

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

Mazel Tov & Yasher Koach
Warren Epstein CTE Man of the Year
Sam Fields CTE Youth of the Year
Thanks for all you do for our
'family of families'
Congregation Torat El Sisterhood

Mazel Tov
To Warren Epstein & Sam Fields
Congregation Torat El's Man of the Year &
Youth of the Year
Thanks for all you do for our congregation!
Susan Sferas

Mazel Tov
To Warren & Sam
Congregation Torat El's Man of the Year &
Youth of the Year
A Well Deserved Honor
The Wiener & Solomon Families



**Sam, we are so proud
of you!**

A well deserved honor!

**Mazel Tov on being
named Congregation
Torat El Youth of the
Year!**

**Love, Mommy, Daddy,
Cameron and Coby**

Temple Israel & Jewish Community Center (Ridgewood)



Scott Leiman is serving his 4th year as Treasurer and Budget Chair of Temple Israel and Jewish Community Center in Ridgewood, NJ. He has accomplished much during his tenure, including streamlining the shul's financial reporting and creating presentations that make it easy for the Board of Trustees and membership to understand the financial position. Additionally, he saved the temple money by refinancing the mortgage. For at least the last 5 years, Scott has also chaired the annual Mishloach Manot drive, an important fundraiser for the Religious School.

Professionally, Scott looks after Client Marketing and Sales Enablement functions for ADP's Compliance Solutions product set. Scott has also worked at American Express, Keurig-Dr Pepper, Dannon, and The Company Store.

Scott lives in North Jersey with his incredibly supportive family: his wife Jennifer (a school-based Occupational Therapist) and his two amazing children, Jack (15) and Cami (12).



Jacob Berger is a Senior at Bergen County Academies High School. Jacob has volunteered at Temple Israel for the last five years by helping at Purim Carnivals, reading the *Megillah*, and more. He has also been a member of the Bergen County High School of Jewish Studies to continue his Jewish educational journey. He will graduate this May.

In addition, Jacob is involved with FLIPPER USY. Previously holding positions such as Freshman Representative and Vice President of Membership. He is now Co-president and works closely with the USY Board to ensure great events for all USY members. Jacob's favorite USY event is the end-of-the-year swim party he looks forward to every year!

Jacob is an engaged member of the BCA community. He is the captain of the varsity Fencing team and competes at local and national competitions with his club team as well. He is also a member of the National Honor Society, a teacher for BCA Flash, and the Head of Operations for BCA's Code for Charity Club for the 2024-2025 school year. Additionally, Jacob led his academy's introductory camp for the past 2 years. He is looking forward to college, continuing to enhance his Jewish learning, and to all he can accomplish in his future!

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

**Scott Leiman
and Jacob Berger**

are being honored as our **2024 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 2024/25

MOY



**Scott
Leiman**

YOY



**Jacob
Berger**

Congratulations to

Scott and Jacob



On being honored as Temple Israel's
2024/25

Man and Youth of the Year

The Weiss Family

DEAR SCOTT,

MAZEL TOV!

**ON THIS WELL
DESERVED
HONOR**



▶ **SCOTT LEIMAN** ◀

**You are a wonderful son, husband, and father.
You are a very special person and an asset to
your congregation.**

We are so incredibly proud of you, now and always.

Love, Mom and Dad

Brandeis
Men's Club



Congratulations!!!



**Scott
Leiman**

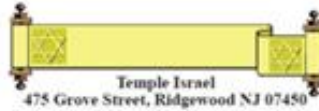
Our 2024 **Man of the Year**
Brandeis Men's Club
Temple Israel, Ridgewood, NJ

Congratulations

Scott Leiman

Our friend,
TI Officer and **MOY** of our

Brandeis
Men's Club



For all you do for



we are very appreciative!

Tricia & Howard Schreiber

Brandeis Mens' Club Youth of the Year

Jacob Berger



Big Brother



Loves his Family



Hard working!



easy going



Such a nice boy!



A Mench!

**Mom, Dad & Halley
love you!**

Congratulations, Jacob!



Couldn't be Prouder!
**Nana &
PopPop**



It's no

CONTEST

**JACOB BERGER IS THE
FAVORITE GRANDSON!**

**Certified by:
Grandma**

BMC Congratulates the
Temple Israel 2024 Youth of the Year

**Jacob
Berger**

Brandeis
Men's Club



Congregation Beth Israel (Scotch Plains)



Jonathan Jaffe is the founder of Jaffe Communications, Inc. in Cranford, which he launched in May 2003. The company has developed a diverse client base, comprising corporations, non-profits, governmental entities, schools, coalitions and trade associations throughout New Jersey and across the U.S.

Jonathan began his career as a journalist for The Star-Ledger of Newark, NJ. From there, Jonathan joined a national public affairs firm and led a number of prominent public policy issues in Washington D.C. and New York/New Jersey. Eager to launch his own firm, Jonathan tapped into a strong base of contacts to establish the company for long-term service.

Jonathan directs a talented team that works entirely “in house,” developing complicated websites, building grassroots coalitions, coordinating expansive media campaigns, producing podcasts and print materials, constructing multi-platform advertising campaigns, managing trade associations, coordinating social media and SEO and, from time to time, still writing and pitching a traditional press release.

Jonathan is a frequent guest speaker on evolving communications. He has served on the teaching faculty of Rutgers University and Monmouth University and is a 2010 fellow of Leadership New Jersey.

Jonathan received his undergraduate degree from Rutgers University with a triple major in History, Political Science and Journalism and earned a graduate degree in international communications from New York University. His spare time is consumed by playing pickleball at the JCC.

Jonathan lives in Scotch Plains, NJ with his wife, Carrie. They have three children: Amanda, Ethan and Adam.



Jonah Leske is a junior who attends Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. He is active in the local BBYO region, and is currently serving as the 26th Central Council *Mazkir/Gizbor*. In this position, he oversees all communications and treasury for the region and works with chapter counterparts to improve the region. In the summer of 2023, Jonah went to Israel through the BBYO summer passport program. Additionally, Jonah is actively participating at Congregation Beth Israel, where he reads Torah and haftorah throughout the year, including the high holidays. He has also been a *madrich* since 8th grade, and acts as a classroom helper for 4th grade classes. This past summer, Jonah was a camp counselor at Camp Yachad, a local Jewish day camp in Scotch Plains. In school, Jonah is on the executive board of the Jewish Student Union while also being the president of the Peer Math Tutoring Club. He is also the sports editor for his school's newspaper, The Fanscotian.



Hi! My name is **Sophia Loewenthal**. I am in the 11th grade at Scotch Plains Fanwood High School. I have been a part of the Madrichim program at Congregation Beth Israel in Scotch Plains for the past four years. I have also worked as a shadow in the religious school for the past three years. I have been a camp counselor at the JCC of Central New Jersey for two years. At school I am a part of the Scotch Plains Fanwood High School Moon Glowers Jazz Band and the marching band. As one of the presidents of the Jewish Student Union I organize events and activities for the school's Jewish population. Outside of school you can catch me hanging out with my friends and babysitting.

**Congregation
Beth Israel**

Mazel Tov!

**Congregation Beth Israel
congratulates**

**CBI Man of the Year - Jonathan Jaffe
&**

**CBI Youth of the Year - Jonah Leske & Sophia
Loewenthal**

***We are grateful for everything they do for the CBI
community!***



MAZEL TOV JONAH

We are so proud of all your accomplishments.
We can't wait to see what the future holds!

Love, Mom, Dad, Grandma,
Grandpa, Nana, & Pop Pop



Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael (Springfield)



Steve Nadel grew up in Brooklyn, NY and moved to Springfield, NJ in 2000. He and his wife Debbie are very committed to Jewish causes and raised two children, Matthew and Amanda, who both attended Golda Och Academy. In addition to being a member of the board of directors of Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael, Steve is the President of the WZO Mercaz chapter for his temple and the founder of USY's alumni initiative. He is also an active supporter of numerous Jewish organizations including Hillel and JNF. Steve graduated from New York University and Brooklyn Law School and is a partner at the law firm of Seward & Kissel where he specializes in alternative investments such as hedge funds and private equity funds.



Sam Scherzer is a senior at Watchung Hills Regional High School (WHRHS). Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael has been a second home to him, his parents, Julie and Jeff, and his older brother, Max. From attending its Early Childhood Program and Shorashim Religious school to becoming a Bar Mitzvah in the synagogue during the pandemic, Sam continues to lead Sunday minyan services while valuing traditions, cherishing community, and supporting others.

Sam has many memorable experiences at TBAY where he was given the title of "Page Six." While attending Sunday minyan services when he was four with his mom, he formed a friendship with David Glass, the minyan leader and current FJMC Northern New Jersey Regional President. David gave Sam the responsibility of announcing to the minyan attendees, to rise and open their books to page six, which he embraced. This job evolved into a nickname, a lasting friendship, and the early foundation of leadership.

As an honors student-athlete, Sam competes on the WHRHS Boys Varsity Soccer Team and Morris Elite Club as a midfielder and defender. He has earned the WHRHS Coach's Award for his leadership and engagement. While in high school, Sam is the co-president of the Computer Science Club and a Peer Writing Tutor. On the community front, he actively volunteers with the TOPS Program in partnership with Watchung Hills Soccer Association, mentoring and teaching the love of soccer to children with disabilities. While serving on the Executive Board of BBYO/AZA, Hudson County, Sam was awarded the Tree of Life Membership Recruitment award.

In looking ahead to college, Sam is interested in studying business, sports, or hotel management. He is excited to get involved in Jewish life on campus next fall.

Being honored as Youth of the Year marks a full cycle moment and milestone. Sam is grateful for this award and the recognition of his contributions by the Men's Club.



Magal Tov!

We are delighted
to honor with love

STEVE NADEL

May you continue to be a
source of strength to the
Jewish community.

LOVE,
DEBBIE, MATT & AMANDA NADEL



CONGRATULATIONS

Steven Nadel



on being chosen as Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael's

Man of the Year

May you continue to be an inspiration to the entire community

Mazal Tov!

From your friends at

SEWARD & KISSEL LLP

MAZEL TOV

to

Youth of the Year

SAM SCHERZER

&

Man of the Year

STEVEN NADEL

&

Regional Man of the Year

STEVE KATZ

**May you be given many blessings
for your good work.**

*With appreciation,
Isabell Adler & Family*

MAZEL TOV TO THE HONOREES

STEVE KATZ
REGIONAL MAN OF THE YEAR

TEMPLE BETH AHM YISRAEL HONOREES

STEVE NADEL
&
SAM SCHERZER (Page 6)

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

To our great friend

Steve Nadel:

Thank you for all you do for our community, for your intelligence and enthusiasm and humor, and for holding dear a myriad of causes related to Jewish life, both locally and globally. Mazal Tov!

To

Sam Scherzer:

Mazal Tov on this honor! We have seen you grow up and look forward to what your future holds. You and your nuclear and extended family have contributed for generations to our community, and we thank all of you for your leadership and support.

We also wish

Steve Katz

a hearty Mazal Tov and thanks.

The Brooks Family

David, Lesley, Lexie, Noam and Talya



Women's League of Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael



Congrats!

Celebrating the
2024 FJMC Honorees.

Mazel Tov and Yasher Koach
for your efforts in enhancing
our temple community!



Man of The Year: Steven Nadel

Youth of The Year: Sam Scherzer

Regional Man of The Year: Steve Katz

Congratulations Steven, Sam, and Steven!



Thank you for your work, dedication, and service that help make NNJR/TBAY a great community!

The Wohl Family

Steve and Sam,

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

Steve, your efforts, dedication, enthusiasm, creativity, thoughtful leadership, and continuing commitment are apparent. You are devoted, talented, and a true guardian who strives to secure a healthy future for our sacred community.

Sam, in the tradition of L'Dor VaDor, you exemplify the core values, long-standing engagement, leadership, and support for the Jewish Community embodied by your family – all critical to securing our future.

*TBAY is fortunate to benefit from your dedication –
Yasher Koach!*

*With our sincere appreciation and admiration, Jackie
& Andy Schuyler*

Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael Men's Club
would like to congratulate



**Steven
Nadel**
Man of the
Year

**Sam
Scherzer**
Youth of the
Year

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



2024 / 5785

Mazel Tov!

Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael Honorees

Steve Nadel

Man of the Year

Sam Scherzer

Youth of the Year

The Margulies Family

*Ellyn, Brian, Alanna,
Charlie and Will*



Mazel Tov

to the Northern NJ Region Men's Club

Man of the Year

STEVEN B. NADEL

All of our love,
The Groppers





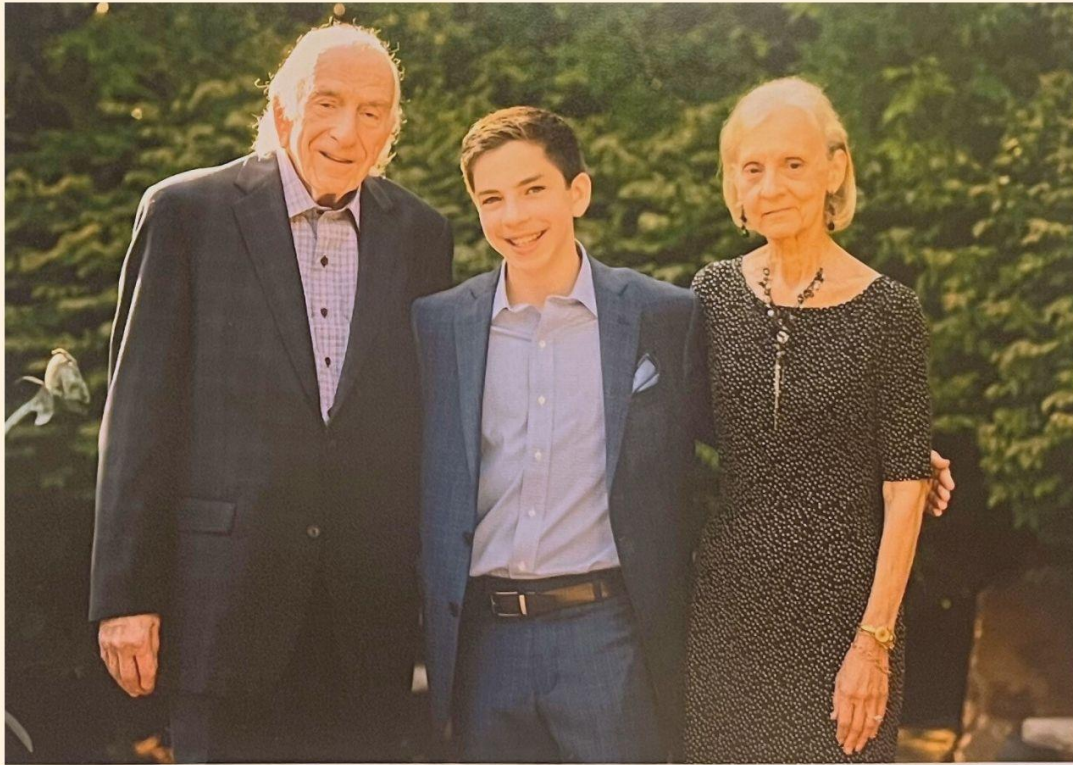
MAZEL TOV

*Steven
Nadel*

MAY YOU CONTINUE TO
BE AN INSPIRATION TO
THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

*Love,
Linda and Phil Thau*





**MAZEL TOV, SAM
ON BEING NAMED
MEN'S CLUB YOUTH OF THE YEAR.**

**YOUR COMMITMENT TO TRADITION
INSPIRES US ALL. WE LOOK FORWARD TO
SEEING ALL THE GREAT THINGS YOU'LL
ACCOMPLISH IN THE FUTURE.**

**AND, A HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS
TO ALL OF THIS YEAR'S HONOREES!**

WITH LOVE, POPPY AND ESTHER



SAM THE MAN!

**Congratulations on the honor of
being Youth of the Year!**

**Your examples of volunteerism,
friendship, commitment, and
compassion set a glorious
example for all of us who know
and cherish you.**

With Our Love,

**Uncle Mark, Roberta,
Cory, Rachel,
Roxie Baby & The Herc!**



Sam Scherzer
YOUTH OF THE YEAR

YOU HAVE SHOWN DEDICATION, KINDNESS, AND A
PASSION FOR GIVING BACK. MAZEL TOV TO YOU
ON THIS INCREDIBLE RECOGNITION AND
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE HONOREES.

WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!
LOVE, MOM, DAD & MAX

**Mazel Tov to Our
Youth of the Year!**

Sam Scherzer

**This is an incredible
achievement and the
beginning of many more
successes to come. We are
proud of you and can't
wait to see what you
accomplish next.**

**All our love,
Aunt Pearl, Uncle Michael,
Cousins Ari and Ben**

Steve Nadel

And

Sam Scherzer

Wishing Two Gentleman *Mazel Tov!*

From,

Barbara Eglow

Congratulations to

Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael Men's Club

Man of the Year **Steven Nadel**

&

Youth of the Year **Sam Scherzer**

Gene Gorrin



Congratulations



Steven Nadel

*Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael's
Man of the Year*

&

Sam Scherzer

*Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael's
Youth of the Year*

Mazel Tov on your Honor!

Ilene & Peter Shewitz



Mazel Tov

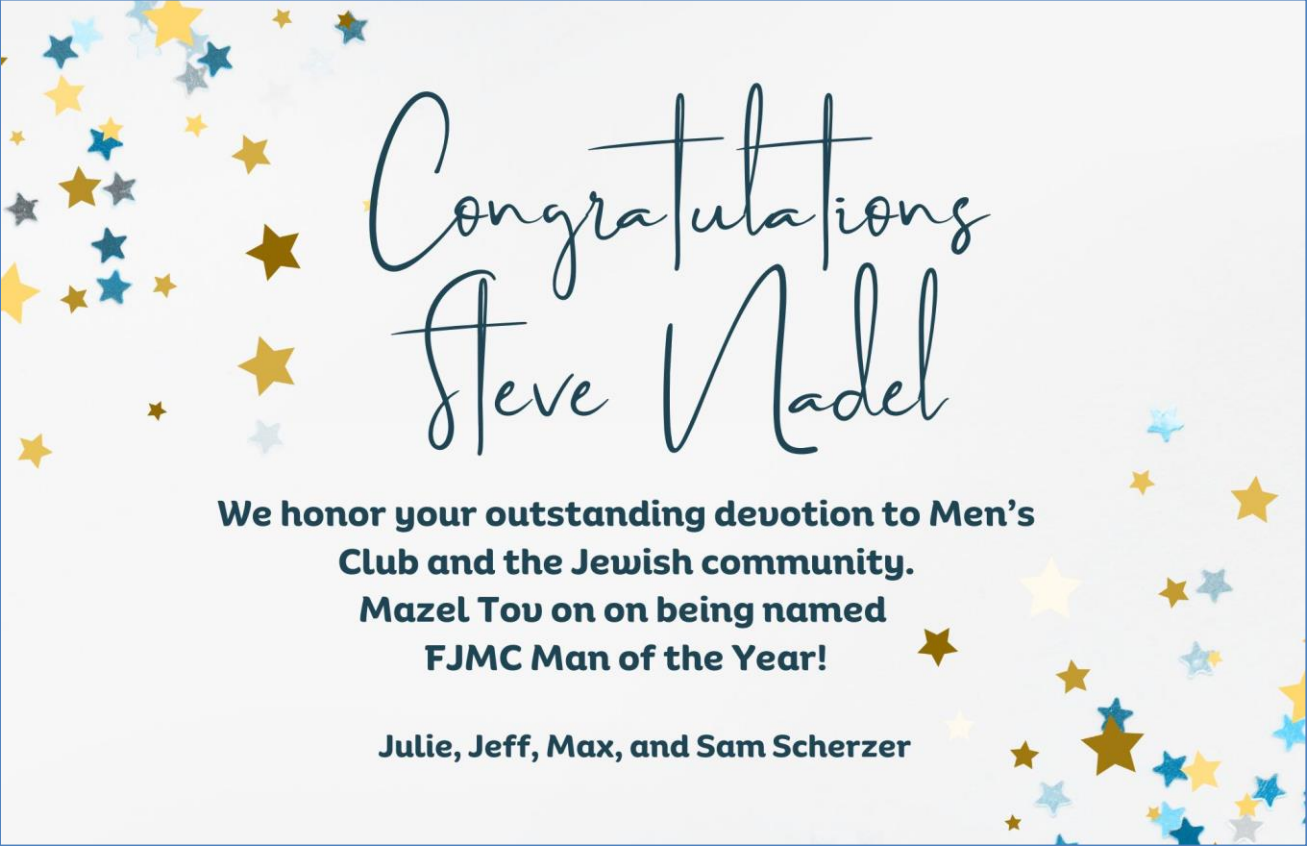
to

STEVEN NADEL

Northern NJ Region Men's Club Man of the Year

Love,
Allison and Andrew Kardon





*Congratulations
Steve Nadel*

**We honor your outstanding devotion to Men's
Club and the Jewish community.
Mazel Tov on on being named
FJMC Man of the Year!**

Julie, Jeff, Max, and Sam Scherzer

Yasher Koach!

Best wishes to

Sam Scherzer

You are an inspiration to us all.

An honor well deserved.

LOVE,

DEBBIE, STEVE, MATT & AMANDA NADEL



Sam,
Congratulations on your Youth of the Year award! From soccer games and COVID bar mitzvahs to staycations in Philly, watching you grow up has been a privilege and a pleasure! You take every challenge you face in stride, and we are so proud of all you have accomplished.

Mazel
Tov!

The future is bright because you
are in it. We can't wait to see
what comes next.

Love always,
Arielle, Jacob, Sandy, and Pepper

Congregation B'Nai Jeshurun (Staten Island, NY)



Dennis Kass has been a member and *Shaliach Tzibur* (prayer leader) at Congregation B'nai Jeshurun of Staten Island for the past 4 1/2 years. He is a member of the Temple Ritual Committee and has led numerous Shiva minyanim.

Dennis believes that when congregants put their heart and soul into Shul participation, the end result is not an end, but the beginning of something greater. Temple participation and participation in a Jewish community is a living organism that requires care and nurturing. Give of yourself, give of your heart, give of your soul, and this living organism will continue to grow and thrive.

Dennis holds a Bachelor of Science degree in visual arts (Painting and Drawing) from the State University of New York at New Paltz. He has worked as a Sales, Service and Leadership professional in the furniture industry for 35 years.

Dennis lives in Staten Island, New York, with Kathi, his wife and inspiration of 20 years.



Maia Konowitz is sixteen years old and a lifelong Staten Islander, where she lives with her parents and brother. Maia and her family have been members of Congregation B'nai Jeshurun of Staten Island for the past eleven years, and she has nurtured her Jewish identity for as long as she can remember. She attended CBJ's Hebrew school from pre-Aleph onward and continued after her Bat Mitzvah. Throughout Hebrew school and until today, she has been an active participant in CBJ's Friday Night Live Shabbat services. She was a camper at Camp Ramah in the Berkshires, and she is an active member of the Jewish Club at Susan B. Wagner High School on Staten Island.

Maia is passionate about sharing her love of Judaism and Jewish identity with her community. She has been instrumental in revitalizing the Staten Island chapter of USY & Kadima. She is now President of the chapter board and past Vice President of Membership and Programming. She has tirelessly planned activities, recruited new members, and ran the chapter's social media accounts. She has also engaged in community outreach. Through her innovative initiatives, like designing flyers and advertising through school channels, Maia has expanded the reach of the chapter and helped create a supportive and inclusive environment for all of its members. Her efforts led to her being appointed Vice President of Outreach for the USY Regional General Board, where she currently recruits other teens and advertises for USY events across the New Jersey and New York Metro Region.

During the summers, Maia has worked as a counselor at the Young Judaea Sprout Brooklyn Day Camp and the Staten Island JCC Day Camp.

Aside from activities in the Jewish community and spending time with friends and family, Maia's life's passion is painting. She started painting when she was three years old and has never stopped. Besides painting canvases all over the house, her work has been displayed for the past two years at the Staten Island Borough Arts Festival, and her paintings have been sold at galleries and art shows in New York and New Jersey. She has also donated some of her paintings to charity, including to benefit HIV/AIDS research. During the pandemic lockdown, she founded an Etsy shop that she named OmanutStudio (Omanut being the Hebrew word for art).

Maia is very humbled to have been named a Youth of the Year and would like to thank both CBJ and the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs for this honor!

Mazel Tov and Yasher Koach

Dennis Kass
CBJ's Man of the Year

Thank you for your dedication to the CBJ community, from the services you lead on Saturday morning and the Haftorahs you regularly chant, to your involvement on the Ritual and the Chesed Committees.

Maia Konowitz
CBJ's Youth of the Year

Thank you for your help in energizing CBJ's chapter of USY and Kadima and your outreach to recruit new members for events in the NY/NJ region.

CBJ Officers and Trustees

Yasher Koach

CBJ Man of the Year

Dennis Kass

CBJ Youth of the Year

Maia Konowitz

Thank you for your service, commitment and dedication to CBJ. May you continue to be a source of inspiration to the Jewish Community.

Men's Club
Joel Brimmer, President

Mazel Tov

CBJ Man of the Year

Dennis Kass

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to CBJ. We are grateful to have you as part of our synagogue and as a friend.

CBJ Youth of the Year

Maia Konowitz

Thank you for your commitment to CBJ and the Jewish community of Staten Island

Sharon and Joel Brimmer

Yasher Koach to two special
people who make

Congregation Bnai Jeshurun

such a wonderful place.

Dennis Kass

and

Maia Konowitz

You are rock stars!

~ Susan Bender



Dr. Esther Grushkin
CENTER for ARTS + CULTURE

Is proud to honor
our congregant & friend

Dennis Kass

For

Congregation B'nai Jeshurun

Man of the Year Award

Dennis your singing brings much joy to our temple.

Maia Konowitz

Congratulations on the Youth of the Year Award

Your leadership, hard work & passion inspires our teens & young adults
to strengthen our community with Jewish values.

You are both an inspiration to us all!!

Jerry Grushkin

Stephanie Mizrahi

Mazel Tov to our daughter Maia on being
named Youth of the Year from CBJSI!

We are so proud of you!



Love,

Mom, Dad and Andrew

And congratulations to Dennis Kass on the well-
deserved honor of Man of the Year!

MAZEL TOV to

DENNIS KASS & MAIA KONOWITZ

B'NAI JESHURUN'S most deserving MAN AND YOUTH OF THE YEAR.

With your many talents, you adorn the sanctuary at CBJ:

DENNIS WITH HIS MELODIC AND INSPIRATIONAL DAVENING, and

MAIA WITH HER ARTISTRY AND VOLUNTEERISM.

YASHER KOACH ON THESE WELL-DESERVED HONORS!

DAVID & SYLVIA FRIEDMAN

Congregation B'nai Jeshurun of Staten Island

Congratulations to our **Man of the Year**

Dennis Kass

and to our **Youth of the Year**

Maia Konowitz

So well deserved!

Ruth Greenwald

*To honor Dennis Kass
Man of the Year 2024*

In Torah, in Tephila, in Chesed, in Poetry and Song

*Love and friendship,
Larry and Sheila*

For Dovid Zavel ben Mordechai,

*“Get into the habit of singing a tune.
It will give you new life
and fill you with joy.”*

*(From “The Empty Chair”
by Rebbe Nachman of Breslov)*

Dennis,
You captured our hearts leading our congregation
in tuneful prayer, bringing your musical light, love and humor
to all you do at Congregation B'nai Jeshurun of Staten Island.

*With love and admiration,
Kathi Kass (Dec. 8, 2024)*

*For Maia Konowitz, Youth of the Year
Congregation B'nai Jeshurun (Dec. 8, 2024)*

*“May you be blessed with understanding
With wisdom and compassion in your heart
May your tongue be filled with song
And your lips sing out for justice
These are the prayers we have for you.”*

*(From “World of Your Dreams”
by Debbie Friedman)*

*Yasher Kocho! and Mazal Tov!
Dennis and Kathi Kass*

Shomrei Torah, The Wayne Conservative Congregation (Wayne)



Jeff Golden, Shomrei Torah's Man of the Year, is a longtime member of our Men's Club. He participates in our Club's Purim Carnival and is always lending a hand (and his height) to put up our synagogue sukkah.

As a synagogue leader, Jeff has been a member of the Board of Trustees for a number of years. He currently serves as Shomrei Torah's Vice-President of Finance.

Jeff played an integral part in guiding the temple through the COVID crisis, with its demands for increased security and membership challenges. As Financial VP, he has been essential in guiding our financial practices, to protect our financial reserves.

Jeff takes pride in the synagogue and seeks to perpetuate the values and spirit of his Jewish community. He and his family have been members of Shomrei Torah for almost 20 years. Jeff, his wife Hindi, and their two children currently live in Wayne, New Jersey.

Jeff is a certified financial planner at Circle Advisers. He graduated from Emory University with a BBA in Finance and is also a graduate of the NYU's Financial Planning Program. Jeff is a member of the New York Financial Planning Association.



Eliana Fleischer is a Senior at Wayne Valley High School. She loves being a *madricha* for the 3rd and 4th grade classes at Shomrei Torah, which she has been doing for the past four years. She is also a Hebrew High student, and a summer camp counselor.

During the school year, Eliana is involved in both cast and crew for the theater program, is a member of the chorus and chamber choir, and is the Captain of the Girls bowling team. Eliana is thrilled and honored to be this year's co-Youth of the Year.



Marley Smith is a senior at Wayne Hills High School and a member of the National Honor Society. She is also dedicated to her local Jewish community.

Throughout her high school years, she has served as a *Madricha* (volunteer teacher) at Shomrei Torah Conservative Congregation. Additionally, she holds the position of President of her local BBG chapter.

Marley's volunteer efforts extend beyond the Jewish community; she coaches cheer at The Boys & Girls Club and volunteers at Pony Power, an equestrian therapy center. At Wayne Hills, she is actively involved on the Varsity cheer team and as the Co-President of the Photography Club and the Vice President of the SADD Club. Marley also enjoys her role as a Student Ambassador and participates in the

Student Dance Association.

Looking ahead, Marley plans to pursue a degree in Elementary Education in college.

We offer our sincere congratulations to

Jeff Golden

our

2024 Man of the Year

In recognition of his tireless service
to our Shomrei Torah Community.

We also acknowledge the
contributions of our

Co-Youth of the Year

Marly Smith

and

Eliana Fleischer

for their efforts L'dor V'dor assisting the Hebrew
School students and teachers of our congregation.

The **Men's Club**

and **Sisterhood**

of Shomrei Torah, Wayne Conservative Congregation

Mazal Tov to

Shomrei Torah's Man of the Year

Jeff Goldin

With gratitude for your commitment to the
Shul and appreciation for all that you do!

Shomrei Torah's Youth Honorees

Eliana Fleischer

and

Marley Smith

in recognition of all you do as madrichim
and as role models!

Rabbi Randy and Dassy Mark

**Mazel Tov and Thank You
to Shomrei Torah's Shining Stars**

**JEFF GOLDEN, Man of the Year
ELIANA FLEISCHER & MARLEY SMITH
Youth of the Year**

**Sue & Barry Mirsky
Elaine & Sy Schlossberg**

Jeff Golden

With love and
Congratulations
for all that you have
accomplished.

*Aunt Diane & Ron,
Aunt Hilary & Gary*

Mazel Tov to my dear son

Jeff Golden

on this great honor.

**This is an incredible milestone –
you deserve the spotlight.**

**I am so proud of you, and
I love you so very much!**

Mom

Mazel Tov Jeff!

We are so proud of you for being honored as Man of the Year! Your dedication, hard work, and the positive impact you've made on your community and family is truly inspiring.

With Love and Admiration,



The Spivaks, Bernsteins, and Friedmans.



Mazel Tov Shomrei Torah Honorees



Jeff Golden, Man of the Year

Eliana Fleischer and Marley Smith, Co-Youths of the Year

The honors are well deserved for all you do for the Shul

Lisa and Jeff Appel

The Betito Family

*congratulates **Jeff Golden** (Man of Year),*

***Eliana Fleischer and Marley Smith** (Youths of the Year)*

for their prestigious honors.

*We are grateful for all their contributions to Shomrei Torah
and are thankful for all they do for our community!*

With gratitude,

Eitan, April, Maya, Liam and Sara Betito

**We are so proud of you, Marley.
Keep shining bright every day!**



You are doing amazing things! We love you so much.

XOXO

Mom, Dad, Lyla, Safta, Saba, Grandma & Papa



B'nai Shalom (West Orange)



Donald Batchelder is honored to be selected as the B'nai Shalom 2024/5785 Men's Club Man of the Year. Don has taken leadership roles at B'nai Shalom in recent years, acting as gabbai and member of the Executive Committee, the Board of Trustees, the Ritual Affairs Committee, and the Tzedek Committee. He is grateful that B'nai Shalom has been a center for intense and rewarding Jewish learning. His studies with Rabbi Stanley Asekoff, Jeff Kirschenbaum, Rabbi Michael Monson, Flora Musleah, and Rabbi Robert Tobin, among other mentors, have allowed him to bring Hebrew and musical skills to his leadership of daily, Shabbat, and holiday minyanim. In reflecting on his Jewish growth during nearly 30 years as a B'nai Shalom member, Don acknowledges that he has received far more than he has given.

Don was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and grew up in Montclair, New Jersey. His parents, both ordained Protestant ministers, had chosen Montclair as a place where racial integration was succeeding in the 1960s. Don's musical abilities thrived in the rich environment of Essex County, where he played both piano and trumpet. He earned Bachelors and Masters degrees at The Juilliard School in New York, taking time out for full-time orchestra jobs in Toluca, Mexico and Seoul, Korea. Don's career as a freelance classical trumpeter in New York began with "backstage trumpet" work with the Metropolitan Opera in 1983, the same year he met a violinist named Lisa at an orchestra rehearsal in Westfield, New Jersey. Not coincidentally, his interest in Judaism began to grow at around the same time. Don and Lisa have been happily married for over 39 years.

Don, Lisa, and their two sons Daniel and Benjamin, joined B'nai Shalom when they moved to West Orange in 1996. His career as a classical trumpet player and music teacher presented challenges to an observant Jewish life, since Broadway, symphonic, and opera performances often take place on Shabbat. However, Don's musical ability also gave him opportunities to serve as *baal tekiah* on the High Holidays, and to perform occasional concerts at the shul, including a series titled "Jewish Songwriters, American Songs" with resident music maven Seth Saltzman. His first experience leading the *musaf* service was in honor of Daniel's bar mitzvah.

Don looks forward to participating in more Men's Club events, including distribution of Yellow Candles, the annual clothing drive, game nights, and Scotch in the Sukkah.



West Orange B'nai Shalom

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

Yasher Koach

to our

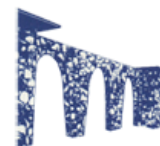
**2024 Man of the Year
Honoree**

**Don
Batchelder**

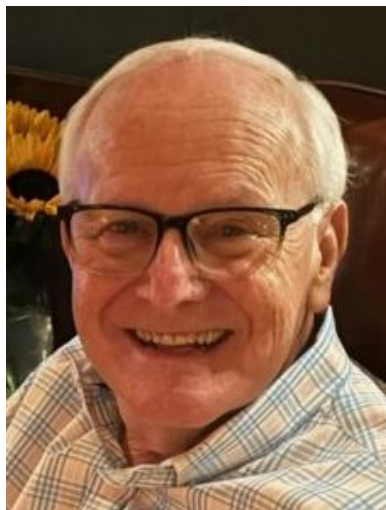
Southern Clubs of the Northern NJ Region

Honoree Biographies & Congratulations

Town	Synagogue	Man of the Year	Youth of the Year
Aberdeen	Temple Beth Ahm	Mark Rosenthal	Zoe Leeb
Bridgewater	Temple Sholom	Jason Weinstein	Lily Singer Alana Sklar
Cranford	Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim	Mark Kaplan	Max Reissman
East Brunswick	East Brunswick Jewish Center	Ron Berger	Ophir Filhart Sarah Kaplan Susanne Kaplan
East Windsor	Beth El Synagogue	Eric Adams	Max Gertsman
Highland Park	Highland Park Conservative Temple - Congregation Anshe Emeth	Spencer Brooks	
Marlboro	Marlboro Jewish Center	Barry Young	Tyler Young
Metuchen	Neve Shalom	Scott Kashan	Aaron Grubman Logan Schuetz
North Brunswick	Congregation B'nai Tikvah	Steve Chernela	
Somerset	Temple Beth El	Kalman Miller	



Temple Beth Ahm (Aberdeen)



Mark Rosenthal and his wife, Elly, have been members of Temple Beth Ahm since 1992. Their children graduated from both the Religious School and Hebrew High School. Mark is currently a member of the Men's Club Board and the Ritual, High Holiday, High Holiday Honors, Security and Kitchen Committees. He has also served on the Rabbinical Search Committees.

In addition, Mark has held several Board of Trustee positions during his 32 years on the Board –Treasurer, Executive Secretary, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Chairman of the Board. and an unprecedented three terms as President.

In 2002 during Mark's first term as President, he initiated re-establishing the Temple Beth Ahm Men's Club which had been dormant for several years. With major help from many of his fellow congregants, we now have a very strong Men's Club benefiting all aspects of the synagogue and community.



Zoe Leeb: In her position as the TBA Intern on the Milestones Program Committee, Zoe has played a key role in ensuring happy family events are highlighted each month at TBA. Zoe was recruited by Heather Steinklein in May of 2020. Each week, Heather and Zoe would work together to reach out to congregants to identify wonderful family occasions and turn them into a Milestone to be shared in the various TBA communications and at a Shabbat service. A true mentor, Heather developed a great bond with Zoe and the two became friends who often met for meals and enjoyed walks in the park. Zoe now has the pleasure to work with JoAnn Abraham continuing to bring smiles to members' faces. Zoe has helped the Temple raise more than \$20,000 and over the years has become a familiar voice for many TBA members.

Outside of TBA, Zoe is a Cadet on the Holmdel First Aid Squad and just earned her EMT license in November.

She has participated in swimming events to raise money for the Longest Day to support Alzheimer's Disease Awareness.

Zoe volunteers at SteamPark, a non-profit that provides educational, emotional and wellness programs along the principles of STEAM to underserved communities.

For over 8 years, Zoe has been involved with the Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Connection Team which educates, advocates and connects with individuals affected by food allergies and anaphylaxis.

Zoe is very proud to be recognized and thanks the Men's Club for this great honor.



TEMPLE BETH AHM

MAZEL TOV

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

Mark Rosenthal

the Men's Club Man of the Year!

We also wish Mazel Tov to

Zoe Leeb

the Men's Club Youth of the Year!



Temple Beth Ahm - Aberdeen, NJ

www.TempleBethAhm.org





**Congratulations
on a most deserving honor.**

Joseph Hollander



**Mark
Rosenthal**

**Zoe
Leeb**





Wishing a hearty Mazel Tov to our outstanding
honorees from Temple Beth Ahm

Mark Rosenthal

Man of the Year

Zoe Leeb

Youth of the Year

Ruth & Rob Goldfarb

Laura & Nathan Goldwasser

Stacy & Dom Neglio

Allison & Rick Robinson

Barbara & Bradley Safer

Debbie & Neil Shanin



**Mazel Tov and Yasher Koach to
Mark Rosenthal**

Temple Beth Ahm's 2024 Man of the Year

It has been our honor to call you "friend" for the past 22+ years. You are a very special person, and we congratulate you on receiving this well-deserved honor.

Your commitment and dedication to Temple Beth Ahm is an inspiration to all who know you.

Mazel tov, Mark! Where would TBA be without you?

With Love,

Erin, Michael, Marissa, Easton, and Janet



Temple Beth Ahm of Aberdeen Men's Club congratulates



Mark Rosenthal
2024 MAN OF

Founding Men's Club Member and Current Board Member
3 Times TBA Past President
Past TBA Chairman of the Board
TBA Board Member for many years
Initiator of TBA Galas
Multiple Temple Committee Member
Continuous Supporter of Temple, Religious School, & Preschool
A TRUE PILLAR OF TBA

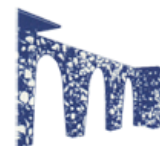
Mazel Tov to the Rosenthal and Leeb Families



Zoe Leeb
2024 YOUTH OF

Cornerstone for one of TBA's most successful fundraising efforts—Milestones
Cadet with Holmdel's First Aid Squad
Community Outreach
Swims to raise money for Longest Day - supporting Alzheimer's Awareness
Volunteer for Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Connection Team





CONGRATULATIONS TO
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FEDERATION OF JEWISH MEN'S CLUBS
2024 HONOREES

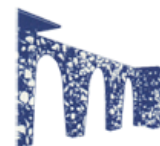
MARK ROSENTHAL
MAN OF THE YEAR

ZOE LEEB
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*



As the 2024 **Man of the Year**
from **Temple Beth Ahm in Aberdeen,**

I would like to express my gratitude to my congregation and Men's Club for nominating me for this honor; I am humbled.

I would also like to congratulate

Zoe Leeb

for being named the Youth of the Year from Temple Beth Ahm. An honor well deserved.

I also want to acknowledge those members of the Temple Beth Ahm Men's Club who have done so much in helping to re-vitalize our Men's Club, sustaining it and creating a very strong service arm to our shul. Something we should all be very proud of.

Many of these men have been prior honorees:

Seth Arbital

Richard Robinson

Russell Cohen

Howard Schornstein

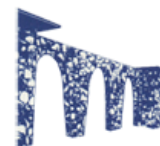
Rob Goldfarb

Ira Stein

Steven Schuman

Ken Philmus

Ivan Sokoloff



“Who Is Occupied With The Needs Of The Community
Is As Though They Occupied Themselves With Torah.”

Talmud Yerushalim

We salute and congratulate our lifelong dear friend

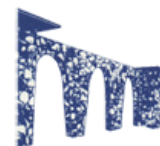
MARK A. ROSENTHAL

on being honored as the

2024 Temple Beth Ahm Men’s Club Man of the Year.

With our admiration, affection and love,

Barbara & Len Schwartz



*We are often presented with difficult decisions, but this one was easy. Choosing **Mark and Zoe** was a no-brainer.*

We can't think of any two people more deserving of being chosen as our Man of the Year and Youth of the Year.

*Both **Mark and Zoe** have always and will continue to support Temple Beth Ahm in every way.*

*So to **Mark and Zoe** – a hearty **MAZEL TOV!***

Carol and Ivan Sokoloff



Mark Rosenthal

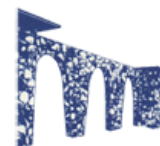
TBA Men's Club 2024 Man of the Year

and

Zoe Leeb

TBA Men's Club 2024 Youth of the Year

Seth & Janice Arbibal



Congratulations

Zoe Leeb, Youth of the Year,

and

Mark Rosenthal, Man of the Year,

from

Temple Beth Ahm!

From TBA we are proud of you both for your generous service to our synagogue. We are so delighted you are both getting the recognition you deserve! Mazel Tov!

Michael Scrivener and Mary Ann Simmons

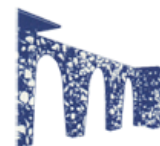
Mazel Tov

Mark Rosenthal & Zoe Leeb

on their well deserved honors!

Sincerely,

Leroy & Risa Doris



“It had long since come to my attention that people of accomplishment rarely sat back and let things happen to them.

They went out and happened to things.”

- Leonardo da Vinci

Congratulations Mark and Zoe, your hard work and dedication have brought you this achievement.

We can't think of anyone who deserves it more...

Janice and Michael Hoffman

Mazel Tov to our dear friend Mark Rosenthal “Man of the Year” 

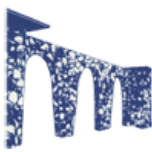
on your well-deserved recognition for all you do for the Temple Beth Ahm family & the Jewish community! Your hard work and dedication to our community is exemplary. Your leadership, commitment, and dedication has made you a pillar of our community!! Wishing you and your family many years of good health and happiness.

Mazel Tov to Zoe Leeb “Youth of the Year” 

for all your hard work in helping with the Milestone program. You are a role model for all teens in your dedication to helping Temple Beth Ahm thrive. We wish you all the best in all your future endeavors.

May you both go from strength to strength!

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



Mazel Tov to Mark Rosenthal and Zoe Leeb

Yasher Koach for all that you do for the
Temple Beth Ahm Family

Terry & Ira Stein

Zoe - Congratulations on being named Youth of the Year. This honor is a true testament to your dedication, leadership, and the positive impact you've had on the TBA community.

Your hard work, kindness, empathy and commitment to your values are inspiring to everyone around you. This honor reflects not just your accomplishments but also the love and respect your community has for you.

May this recognition be just one of many milestones in your journey, and we can't wait to see all the wonderful things you will continue to achieve!

Love,

Mom, Dad and Hannah

Temple Sholom (Bridgewater)



Jason Weinstein was born in Natick Massachusetts on May 9, 1979. He was the third of four children and grew up in Milford, a suburb outside of Boston. Before transferring to Northeastern University, he attended Rutgers, where he met his future wife, Cara. After graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Biology, he worked at Millennium Pharmaceuticals and Critical Therapeutics in Boston for two years before moving to Florida to pursue a Ph.D. in Immunology at the University of Florida. While in Florida, Cara and Jason were married and welcomed their first son, Jacob. After completing his Ph.D., they moved to Connecticut, where he began his postdoctoral research on immune responses in autoimmune diseases at Yale University. Three years later, his second son Xander was born, and Jason started his research lab as a

junior faculty member at Yale University in the division of rheumatology. In 2018, his family moved to Bridgewater as Rutgers New Jersey Medical School recruited Jason to transfer his research lab to be part of the Center for Immunity and Inflammation. Professionally, he has mentored graduate students, taught several undergraduate and graduate courses, published over 50 research articles, and has been invited nationally and internationally to present his research. Despite moving around, Jason has been heavily involved in his local Jewish communities. As a teenager, his family's temple congregation split, and he worked with community members to convert an old office space into their new sanctuary. While in Connecticut, he served on the board of trustees for two years at Temple Beth Shalom in Hamden, a small suburb outside New Haven. He joined Temple Sholom in 2018; his interest in education and his two sons in religious schools led him to serve on the Board of Education for the past four years, the last two as chair.

Jason is thankful for the support of his family, friends, dogs, and wonderful wife Cara, who have allowed him to help in several professional and personal causes. He feels privileged and grateful to be awarded the Man of the Year honor.



Lily Singer is a senior at Bridgewater-Raritan High School and is deeply honored to have been named a Teen of the Year at Temple Sholom in Bridgewater, NJ. Lily has been active in the Temple Sholom community since she and her family joined the synagogue back in 2014. Lily attended Temple Sholom's *Nitzanim* from 2nd through 8th grades and has worked as a teachers assistant at *Nitzanim* with multiple grades for the past 4 years. Lily is an active participant in Temple Sholom's Hebrew High and has served on the BRUSY executive board for the past 3 years, helping to plan numerous events and working on BRUSY's social media postings. Fueled by her love for animals, Lily plans to pursue a Veterinary degree after college. Lily is the captain of the Bridgewater-Raritan Color Guard, a member of the Bridgewater-Raritan Marching Band's leadership, and

recently competed in the DCI Summer Music Games with The Bushwackers Drum and Bugle Corps. Lily attributes her strong sense of Jewish identity and commitment to Tzedakah to her family. Lily is incredibly grateful to the Temple Sholom community for making Temple Sholom feel like a second home and would like to thank Morah Ilene Cohen, Rabbi Cece Beyer, and Rabbi Dan Selsberg for their guidance and support.



Alana Sklar: I am honored to have been selected as Youth of the Year alongside my friend Lily Singer. Temple Sholom has always been my home away from home, shaping who I am today. From silly Friday night dances with Rabbi Dan during Oneg, to leading services and participating in Kallah in the Poconos, my journey at Temple Sholom has been deeply meaningful. I've had the privilege of chanting Torah and Haftorah, including on Rosh Hashanah, and have grown through programs like Shalom Chaverim, Kadima, USY, and Hebrew High, which I'll finish this spring.

As a senior at Bridgewater-Raritan High School, I strive to be a well-rounded student. I'm proud to be a member of the National Honor Society and a student intern at Eisenhower Intermediate School, balancing academic excellence with my love for community and faith. This fall, I look forward to attending college somewhere in Florida, ready to carry the lessons and values Temple Sholom has instilled in me into this exciting new chapter.



Temple Sholom's
Man of the Year Society
חברה של איש השנה

Congratulates Our Honorees:

Jason Weinstein – Man of the Year

Lily Singer – Youth of the Year

Alana Sklar – Youth of the Year

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

**Congratulations &
Mazel Tov to our**

**2024 MAN AND TEENS
OF THE YEAR!!**



JASON WEINSTEIN



LILY SINGER



ALANA SKLAR

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THANK YOU FOR TEACHING TORAH THROUGH YOUR ACTIONS



MAZEL TOV

**TO MAN OF THE YEAR
JASON WEINSTEIN**

**AND YOUTH OF THE YEAR
ALANA SKLAR**

&

LILY SINGER

**FROM YOUR FRIENDS AT
TEMPLE SHOLOM!**

YOU ARE (INDIVIDUALLY & COLLECTIVELY) THE BEST!

Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim (Cranford)



Mark Kaplan is honored to be the Man of the Year for Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim (TBEMC) in Cranford. Since joining in 2009, Mark has served TBEMC in a variety of capacities: board member, fundraising committees, rabbinic search committees, sukkah raising/lowerings with the Men's Club and leading Shabbat services and evening minyanim. Mark's proudest roles have been serving as the synagogue president (2019-2021), leading the congregation through security challenges and, of course, COVID-19, and chairing the Sustaining Pledge Model Committee, which successfully changed the membership model from fixed dues to a voluntary pledge/annual giving model.

By day, Mark is a director of translational science at Bristol Myers Squibb. At BMS he focuses on developing lymphoma drugs, building on past roles with Roche and Pfizer, where he worked on new drug development to treat various cancers. Mark feels fortunate to be able to apply his undergraduate, PhD and postdoctoral training to improve human health.

Mark and his wife Debbie live in Westfield and are enjoying their empty nest and expanded travel opportunities. Their children Dori (23) live in Portland, OR and Renata (21) is in Worcester, MA, completing senior year at WPI. Mark is an avid reader of biographies and military history. He is also passionate about running, although he admits that his running group is gradually evolving into more of a coffee/beer drinking group. The running group got its start at TBEMC (we joked it should be called Run TBEMC), with parents dropping kids off for religious school.



Max Reissman is a senior at Westfield High School. He has been a member of TBEMC since joining the Hebrew School in 3rd grade, and is now in his 5th year of being a *Madrachim*. After assisting in just about every classroom and doing pull out help over the first three years, he has spent the last 2 years as a teacher's aide in Gan Katan, the pre-school class, where he loves playing with our youngest students. This year he is also working as the assistant to the Principal in the office. He also volunteers for a variety of activities each year including building the sukkah and tents for the holidays and his favorite - Bingo calling for the Men's Club.

Max has embraced his Jewish identity and love of Israel at Camp Kinder Ring in Hopewell Junction, NY. Through 8 years as a camper and one summer on staff, it is truly his home away from home, where he is engaged in cultural programming like Israeli dancing, singing and history. Max has been a varsity athlete since his freshman year on the Winter and Spring Track teams. In his free time, he loves to play basketball, work out and listen to music. He is extremely honored to have been selected as TBEMC's 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

Mark Kaplan

Man of the Year 2024/5785

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

Max Reissman - 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, David Kupferberg,

Dan Wiseman, & David Salomon

East Brunswick Jewish Center (East Brunswick)



Ron Berger has been an active member of EBJC Men's Club since 1977. For a number of years he has been saving lives by leading successful blood drives at EBJC. He is a regular in delivering Rosh Hashanah greetings for Men's Club and Maslach Manot baskets for Sisterhood. He is not only an active participant in Men's Club events, but has also gotten his son and his son's family to participate as well. Besides his Men's Club activities, Ron has been active in the leadership of EBJC, raising funds for security and being a former member of the board of directors. Ron is a CPA, and has 2 children and 4 grandchildren.



Ophir Filhart is the quintessential USYer! Since he joined our chapter of USY, he has been involved as a member and as a leader. Not only does Ofir attend our meetings regularly with his younger brother, but he has served on our Board, including as President, which he only stepped down from to join the NJ regional board while still maintaining his loyalty to East Brunswick, keeping his grades up, and preparing for college. He is a true asset to the greater community.



Hello! My name is **Sarah Kaplan**, and East Brunswick Jewish Center has always been part of my life. I grew up here from going to Camp GBK to Keshet from Kindergarten to 7th grade then my Bat Mitzvah. I have spent the last 4 years as a *Madricha* helping others grow up. I love watching and teaching this next generation and will continue to do that in my future. I truly created such great relationships in EBJC. Finally, I would love to thank the Men's Club for this honor.



My name is **Susanne Kaplan**, and I have been a member at East Brunswick Jewish center since I was born, and it has been a big part of my life. When I was younger, I went to summer camp (GBK) at the Shul with my sister and cousin and met so many other people there. I also went to Keshet at EBJC from kindergarten through 7th grade. From there I had my Bat Mitzvah at EBJC with my twin sister. For the last few years, I have spent my Sunday mornings volunteering at Keshet as a *Madricha*. I have created lasting memories at EBJC and formed lots of relationships. I lastly would like to thank the Men's Club for this honor.



Mazel Tov! and Koi HaKavod!

To our EBJC Man of the Year:

Ron Berger

and our Co-Youth of the Year:

**Ophir Filhart, Sarah Kaplan, and
Susanne Kaplan**

Thanks for all you do to make EBJC special!

Co-President Ira Merkel

Co-President Jeff Rudolf

and the entire EBJC Board of Directors

Kol Hakavod and Mazel Tov!



To EBJC's Man of the Year

Ron Berger



And to EBJC's Co-Youth of the Year

Ophir Filhart, Sarah Kaplan,
and Susanne Kaplan

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

EBJC Sisterhood

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

Ron Berger

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

**Ohpir Filhart, Sarah Kaplan, and
Susanne Kaplan**

East Brunswick Jewish Center
Men's Club Co-Youth of the Year

EBJC Mitzvah Corps



מזל טוב!

to

Ron Berger

EBJC's Man of the Year

and our Co-Youth of the Year

**Ophir Filhart, Sarah Kaplan,
and Susanne Kaplan!**

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

Rabbi Larry Brandspiegel

East Brunswick Jewish Center



EAST BRUNSWICK
JEWISH CENTER



Yasher Koach! to our friends

Ron Berger

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

Ophir Filhart, Sarah Kaplan, and

Susanne Kaplan

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

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

Ken Gerson

Arthur Fliegelman

Mark Foladare

Steve Harkavy

Harvey

Joel Greengarten

Goldschmidt



Yasher Koach and Mazel Tov!

To EBJC's Man of the Year

Ron Berger

And to EBJC's Co-Youth of the Year

Ophir Filhart, Sarah Kaplan, and Susanne Kaplan

You make EBJC a better place.

May you go from strength to strength!

Marty Hoffman

David Julis

Bob Levine

Dave Mandell

Howard Jacobs

Neil Koster

Dave Libowsky

Alan Migdal

EAST BRUNSWICK
JEWISH CENTER



Kol HaKavod!

to

Ron Berger

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

Ophir Filhart, Sarah Kaplan, and

Susanne Kaplan

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

Thanks so much for all your efforts on our behalf!

Marc Pearl

Dou Pollak

Eric Rabinowitz

Rick Rollman

Jerry Saferstein

Lloyd Shepetin

Gerry Silver

OUR MAN OF EVERY YEAR

RONALD BERGER



MAZEL TOV ON BEING NAMED
THE MEN'S CLUB MAN OF THE YEAR!

WE APPRECIATE ALL THAT YOU DO FOR US AND
THE EAST BRUNSWICK JEWISH CENTER!

LOVE,

JACKIE, JEFF, DEBBIE, CRAIG, SHEILA
ANDREW, MATT, SARAH AND ALEX



Many thanks to Howard Jacobs, Marty Hoffman and Arthur Fliegelman for all their hard work leading the East Brunswick Jewish Center Men's Club.

Be strong and continue to invigorate EBJC Men's Club with your leadership.

The Berger's



Congratulations!

to East Brunswick Jewish Center's own

Ron Berger

A Super Volunteer! Your dedication and work are a gift to everyone you help.

Thank You for your time and generosity.

Gerald Silver

**Congratulations to our dear friend,
Ron Berger, for being named**

Man of the Year

**in recognition for all you've done for
EBJC and the Men's Club .**

Meri and Marc Pearl

SARAH & SUSANNE

Some people say everyone deserves a chance to fly!

This honor is just your take off!

Keep soaring. You will always do great things!

Remember you are never flying solo.

We are always by your side.

Unlimited - You're future is unlimited!

Love,

Mom and Dad



Beth El Synagogue (East Windsor)



Eric Abrams is honored to have been selected as Beth El Synagogue's Men's Club as Man of the Year. He has been an active member of Beth El Synagogue and its Men's Club for 24 years. Originally, Eric got involved as a way to get his children engaged in the values that a synagogue provides. He has served on the synagogue's Board of Trustees as well as committees. For many years, Eric has led the cooking for the annual religious school's Hanukkah program. He has actively participated in the various other Men's Club events as well.

Professionally, Eric has spent his career working in various finance functions within banks and investment banks. Currently working in the Regulatory Reporting group at Barclays Bank. Eric is a graduate of Rider University.

Eric, with his wife Karen, live in Plainsboro. He has two grown sons, Scott and Steven, who have celebrated their B'nai Mitzvot at Beth El.



Max Gertsman lives in Robbinsville and is currently a Junior at Robbinsville High School. He has been a member of Beth El Synagogue where he attended Maple Stream Road Preschool, became a Bar Mitzvah, and graduated from Hebrew School and Hebrew High School. Max was involved in pre-Kadima and Kadima before joining USY as the Freshman Representative. For the last two years, he had been the Vice President of Religious Education and this year also the Vice President of Social Action/Tikkun Olam. He enjoys running Coin Wars and volunteering at the Purim carnival for the religious school.

Max 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.

For his Bar Mitzvah project in 2020, Max collected donations of healthy snacks that he packaged and delivered to hospitals in Mercer, Monmouth, and Middlesex counties for the nurses and doctors during the COVID-19 pandemic. He delivered over 1,250 bags of snacks to six hospitals during the height of the pandemic.

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

Mazel Tov

STEVE KATZ!!!
NNJ Region MOY

and locally

Eric Abrams

Beth El Synagogue MOY
&

Max Gertsman

Beth El Synagogue YOY

Congratulations on your honor
and thanks for all you do!

Rob Blitzer & Family



MAZEL TOV MAX

BETH EL SYNAGOGUE YOUTH OF THE YEAR!
You make us proud today and everyday!
We love you!

Mom, Dad, Lily, Nanny,
Grandmom and Grandpop

MAZEL TOV ERIC ABRAMS

BETH EL SYNAGOGUE MAN OF THE YEAR!



Mazel Tov to

**Eric Abrams
and
Max Gertsman**

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

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

*Mazel Tov and
Best Wishes*

to our Man Of The Year

Eric Abrams

and to our Youth Of The Year

Max Gertsman

We are very proud of you!

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



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



Spencer Brooks's involvement in Men's Club dates back to his early youth when he and his brother would be asked by Marty Metzger to help deliver Yom Hashoah candles on nearby streets in his childhood community of Cranford. Following his move to Highland Park in 2014, Spencer joined the Highland Park Conservative Temple - Congregation Anshe Emeth (HPCT-CAE) and quickly found himself becoming involved with the shul's Men's Club. Encouraged by Craig Artel, Marty Golden, and Larry Klioze, Spencer was invited to attend a meeting and... we all know the rest of this story. Over the next 6 years, Spencer would be selected to serve in numerous Men's Club board positions and chair multiple Men's Club events, including the clubs' signature event on December 24th. The HPCT-CAE Men's Club evidently saw something special and put their faith and trust

in this young man to blossom into the leader he is still becoming today.

Ultimately, Spencer became the Club President in July of 2020 at the young age of 31. For most of his term, the world would remain shut down due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Spencer, along with his Men's Club board of officers and trustees, kept the HPCT-CAE Men's Club afloat during the tumultuous time. As the world reopened, Spencer opened the 2021 Steak and Scotch event with two words: "Welcome Home!"

Spencer's involvement in his shul was a reflection upon his family's tradition of synagogue leadership. His great-grandfather, and namesake, Samuel (z"l) was one of the head *gabbyim* of his synagogue. Spencer's maternal grandparents, Irving (z"l) and Linda, were both past presidents of Men's Club and Sisterhood. Throughout the final years of his grandfather's life, Spencer would ask for guidance, President to President. These conversations were the essence of *לְדוֹר וָדוֹר* (*l'dor va'dor*, generation to generation). Spencer's mother is a past synagogue president in Cranford, and his stepfather held the position of treasurer at multiple synagogues. These great role models helped shape Spencer as he started the 4th generation of his family's involvement in synagogue leadership.

Outside of Men's Club, Spencer is currently the Colonia Middle School Band Director and is the High Holiday Ba'al Tefillah for his home synagogue at TBEMC in Cranford, where he also has directed the TBEMC Choir since his graduation from Mason Gross in 2011. Spencer is completing his Masters in Music Education degree at Mason Gross, with an expected graduation date of May 2025.



*The Highland Park Conservative Temple -
Congregation Anshe Emeth*

Salutes our Men's Club
Man of the Year,
Spencer Brooks

MAZEL TOV!

**Mazal Tov to the HPCT-CAE
Men's Club
Noteworthy
Man of the Year**

Spencer Brooks

You help wherever you can
You step up when needed
You keep us laughing
and groaning as appropriate

Kol HaKavod



From All Your Friends at HPCT-CAE

Craig Artel	Seth Kennedy	Mitch Rosen
Stuart Feinblat	Ira Kizner	Michael Schoeffler
Sheldon Freidenreich	Larry Klioze	Marc Weinstein
Carey Glass	Walter Nagel	Michael Weis
Zoltan Kemeny	Steve Parkoff	Rich Zirin

...And everyone else

Mazal Tov to



Spencer Brooks

Welcome to “The Club within the Club”!

**Al Davis (2023) Sheldon Freidenreich (2022), Nate Kean (2019), Phil Schmidt (2018),
Carey Glass (2017), Larry Klioze (2016), Sam Kamens (2014), Marc Weinstein (2011),
Phil Rabinowitz (2007), Fred Shaffer (2006), Steve Lerner (2005), and Jerry Trub (2000)**

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



Men’s Club

“One of the Guys!”

Congratulations
Spencer Brooks on being named
Youth ... Man of the Year
From HPCT-CAE

מזל טוב!

From Larry Klioze

Marlboro Jewish Center (Marlboro)



Barry Young is honored that Marlboro Jewish Center's Men's Club chose him to be Man of the Year.

I am proud to share this honor with my son, Tyler, this year's youth of the year.

We have been members of Marlboro Jewish Center for 10 years. I am a member of the Men's Club and the House Committee. I have been on the Nominating Committee and volunteer at various synagogue events. I enjoy giving back to the community at Marlboro Jewish Center.

Born and raised in California I never thought I would be living on the East Coast. My wife grew up in Marlboro, so we decided to raise our family in New Jersey. I live in Manalapan with my wife Cara and my son Tyler.

I enjoyed coaching my son in soccer when he was younger.

The Dallas Cowboys and the Yankees are my teams. I also enjoy playing tennis whenever I can.

Congratulations to all the honorees.



My name is **Tyler Young**, and I am honored that the Men's Club from Marlboro Jewish Center selected me to be this year's youth of the year.

I am a senior at Manalapan High School and an active member at Marlboro Jewish Center. I have been involved with our youth groups since third grade in *Pre-Kadima*.

I was the VP of Israel Affairs in USY when I was in 10th grade. I am a madrich in the

Hebrew school, lead Minyan, read from the Torah on the High Holidays and volunteer at synagogue events.

Outside of Temple, I like spending time with my friends and my dog Casper.

Sharing this day with my dad means a lot to me. Thank you to my family and friends for their support today and always.

I do not know where I am going to college yet, but I am excited for what comes next.

YASHER KOACH

TO

STEVE KATZ

REGIONAL MAN OF THE YEAR

BARRY AND TYLER

YOUNG

MARLBORO JEWISH CENTER'S

MAN OF THE YEAR AND YOUTH OF THE YEAR

AND TO ALL THE OTHER HONOREES TONIGHT

ON YOUR WELL DESERVED HONORS



FROM YOUR FRIENDS AT
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Yasher Koach to esteemed MJC honorees:

Man of the Year

BARRY YOUNG

Youth of the Year

TYLER YOUNG

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

Rabbi Michael Pont

Cantor Michelle Teplitz

Dara Winston, Executive Director

Leo Fuhrman, Director of Congregational Learning

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THRILLED TO CONGRATULATE OUR FRIEND AND
MAN OF THE YEAR

BARRY YOUNG

AND OUR YOUTH OF THE YEAR

TYLER YOUNG

ישר כח and מזל טוב

YOU BRING HONOR TO ALL OF US

MAY YOU BE SUCCESSFUL IN ALL THAT YOU DO

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AS PAST MAN OF THE YEAR HONOREES
WE WELCOME OUR FRIEND

BARRY YOUNG

TO THE "CLUB"

ישר כח and מזל טוב

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

Lance Adelson
Eric Bonett
Michael Danziger
Larry Josephs
Wayne Kaufman
Rob Klepner
Paul Nebb
Rabbi Michael Pont
Howard Shafran
Allan Solomon
Robert Waldman

Allen Basis
Elliott Brown
Alan Greenberg
Jeff Katz
Rudy Kiste
Steve Landau
Jordan Podos
Jay Seliber
Wayne Sherman
Steve Solomon
Len Whitman

Mazel Tov!

Incredibly proud of my Men of the Year...
Barry Young & Tyler Young



Love,
Cara (aka Mom)



Neve Shalom (Metuchen)



Scott Kashan has been a member of Neve Shalom's Men's Club for many years but has always operated in the background. He is there to help where needed with the many events around the shul like schlepping and schmoozing but over the past few years, he has taken on a more active leadership role serving as the Recording Secretary of the Club as part the Executive Board. He enjoys attending the many Men's Club and shul events and can be found in the background helping with buying the food and cooking, setting up the shul for an event, putting up sheet rock and various other activities around the shul. The reason Scott was more in the background was he served as Cubmaster, Den Leader and Scoutmaster of the Edison Cub/Boy Scout Troop 66. For over 20 years, he helped to guide hundreds of scouts on their

Trail to Eagle. It was through working with the Boy Scouts that Scott realized that you needed to get and stay involved if you wanted to get things done. And through the Men's Club, he can continue to make a difference. Scott is a strong believer in the social and community aspects of the shul and by encouraging those kind of events in addition to the everyday ritual Jewish activities, the Shul has become a complete destination for Jews in the community. And being a part of the Neve Shalom Men's Club is an important part of his equation.

Scott, along with his wife, Susan (who has always been the most active shul member in the family) and their 3 children – Jeremy, Evan and Allie – have been active members of the shul for over 20 years. Scott and Susan both have conservative Jewish backgrounds growing up in their community at Shaari Tfiloh of Spring Valley and New City Jewish Center in Rockland County, NY. With Susan, Scott has helped to start the Neve Shalom Pickleball Association and helped support her initiative of bringing the quarterly Friday Night Holy Happy Hour to the shul. Neve Shalom has always been a part of the family's life as the kids attended Nursery School, Hebrew School and USY and for many years, is where Susan taught the Gan (Kindergarten) class and Scott supported those activities by working in the background. In fact, for many years, Scott used to introduce himself in the Shul as Mr. Susan Kashan. For this reason, Scott would like to share this award with his wife, as she has always been supportive and pushed him to get more involved to make himself and Neve Shalom better.



Aaron Grubman has always considered Neve Shalom an extension of his home. He actually stopped at Neve on his way home from the hospital when he was born. He wanted to meet his sister's preschool friends and see his Jewish home right away! Aaron returned just a week later for his bris and then stuck around for Mommy & Me, Just Me, Preschool, Rovers Soccer, Religious School, Bar Mitzvah lessons, After Shul Fun, Kadima, working as a Madrich, and Hebrew High. Aaron is currently part of the USY Presidium, co-youth representative to the synagogue Board of Directors, and works as part of the Neve Shalom Blue Crew Logistics Team.

When Aaron is not at Neve Shalom, he is a student at Metuchen High School. Aaron is on the varsity wrestling and golf teams. He also loves to watch sports and participate in Fantasy Football Leagues. Aaron enjoys travel, having most recently visited Costa Rica with BBYO, skiing, surfing, working out at the gym, and hanging out with friends and family.

Aaron would like to thank Neve Shalom Men's Club for selecting him to be Co-Youth of the Year along with his good friend Logan Schuetz! Although Aaron heads off to college next year, the deep roots he planted at Neve Shalom will always be an important part of who he is.



Hello. My name is **Logan Schuetz**. I am a senior at Edison High School (EHS) in Edison, New Jersey. I have been a member of Congregation Neve Shalom my whole life. Currently, I am Co-President of USY and a member of the Neve Shalom Board of Directors. My prior USY board positions include Vice-President of programming and membership, and freshman representative. I was a madrich for the Neve Shalom Religious School. I am also a member of the Neve Blue Crew which sets up, rearranges, and cleans up events at the synagogue.

Outside of the synagogue, I am a Junior Assistant Scout Master for Boy Scout Troop 14, based out of the American Legion in Metuchen, New Jersey. For the past fourteen years, I have played soccer for the Edison United Soccer Association (EUSA) where my current position is goalie.

At EHS, I am an active member of the Wind Ensemble, becoming the first chair French Horn this year. I am the Treasurer of the French Honor Society and a member of the National Honor Society. I have been an active member of the EHS Theater Department since sophomore year where I help build the sets as a member of the Build Crew and assist with props and scenery changes during the school shows as a member of the Run Crew.

Next year, I plan to attend college, majoring in Marine Biology, with a minor in Environmental Science.

NEVE SHALOM MEN'S CLUB HONORS AND THANKS
OUR "MORTY FIELDS" MAN OF THE YEAR

SCOTT KASHAN

FOR ALL HE HAS DONE AND CONTINUES TO DO FOR
NEVE'S MEN'S CLUB



Neve Shalom
Men's Club

-and-

OUR CO-YOUTH'S OF THE YEAR



Neve Shalom
Men's Club

AARON GRUBMAN

and

LOGAN SCHUETZ

FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO USY AND OUR COMMUNITY,
PARTICULARLY IN ENSURING OUR EVENTS ARE PROPERLY SET UP

We are so proud of you!

We can't wait to see where you are headed next in your journey. Wherever it may be, your Jewish pride will serve you well, as you continue to be a vital part of our Jewish community!

With Love & Pride ✧ Mom · Dad · Farrah

Mazel Tov Aaron!



Scott - We so appreciate all you do for our Neve Shalom community!

Logan - We have loved watching you mature into an amazing young man!

Kol Hakavod Aaron, Logan, & Scott
from the Grubman Family

SCOTT

YASHER KOACH AND MAZEL TOV!!

Neve SHALOM'S MAN OF THE YEAR

We appreciate all of your hard work and dedication for Men's Club



Yasher Koach to Aaron and Logan...

Two Exemplary youths with very bright futures!!



Love,

The Kushner, Sessler, Stein, Schildkraut, Schneider, and Schilowitz Families



Neve Shalom Youth of the Year
AARON GRUBMAN

Metzuyan & Mazel Tov!

I'm so proud of you.
Lots of love always.

Love,
Grandpa Richard

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
NEVE SHALOM MAN OF THE YEAR

Scott Kashan

AND OUR CO-YOUTH OF THE YEAR

Aaron Grubman

and

Logan Schuetz

~ Lawrence Dombrow

MAZEL TOV

Neve Shalom 's "Morty Fields" Man of the Year

Scott Kashan



Neve Shalom's Co-Youth of the Year

Aaron Grubman & Logan Schuetz

from

Keith & Melissa Boxer



Aaron Grubman

Neve Shalom Youth of the Year



You are a wonderful young man
and we are always so proud of you!
We congratulate you on this honor.

We know there will be many
more different types of honors in
your future and we look forward
to celebrating them with you!

Love,
Grandpa Les and Jan

Congregation B'nai Tikvah (North Brunswick)



Steve Chernela: I am honored to be recognized with this award.

In 2018 I joined CBT and have not looked back since.

In my past I've worked for the State of NJ for 27 years; a marketing research company for 14 years, and a theatre for about five years.

Also I have done a lot of photography for various entities. I've photographed little league baseball, corporate parties, instruction manuals, weddings and B'nai mitzvah. I've had photos published in magazines, newspapers, journals, and web sites. Despite what I've just written, my real love in photography is nature.

For most of my life I've had a love for music. Almost any kind. That started at about age 10.

I have two children. My son works for the VA and my daughter works for the Navy. I have three grandchildren.

Congregation B'nai Tikvah's
Rabbi Robert L. Wolkoff

and

Cantor Bruce Rockman

congratulate our two Men of the Year

Northern New Jersey Regional Man of the Year

STEVE KATZ

and

Congregation B'nai Tikvah Man of the Year

STEVE CHERNELA

Mazal Tov and Yashar Kochachem for all you do!

*"One good man, one good man, it ain't much –
it's only everything."*

(Deborah Kerr)



CONGRATS
STEVE KATZ, REGIONAL MEN'S
CLUB MAN OF THE YEAR
STEVE CHERNELA, CBT MEN'S
CLUB MAN OF THE YEAR

Congregation B'nai Tikvah
Board of Directors
5785



**Mazal Tov to our own CBTERS
Steve Katz & Steve Chernela**

כל הכבוד

Stuart and Debra Allen

Mazel tov to our Steves!

Steve Katz | Steve Chernela

Thank you for your dedication to the B'nai Tikvah community

Ben Gottesman and Linda Fellen



Mazel Tov to our Man of the Year!

*** **Steve Chernela** ***

Thank you for all you do to capture all of our moments!

Congregation B'nai Tikvah Men's Club



Temple Beth El (Somerset)



Kalman Miller has been a member of Temple Beth El for more than 50 years, and a member of the Temple Beth El Men's Club for all of that time. He was president of the temple from 1985-1989, and just recently completed 10 years as the temple's financial secretary. His volunteer work spans a wide range of Jewish causes. A former president of the New Jersey Region of United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, he served on the board of the international United Synagogue organization for many years and was its representative to the United Nations for five years. He is also a longtime member of the board of Masorti, and was a Masorti delegate to the World Zionist Congress. Kal recently retired from the Board of Directors of the Wilf Campus for Senior Living in Somerset, an outgrowth of the Central New Jersey Jewish Home for the Aged which now includes an

apartment complex for independent seniors, an assisted living facility, memory care, hospice care and other programs for the benefit of seniors.

Now retired, Kal was a pioneer in the field of computer analysis of large databases. He has been married to Phyllis Miller (also a former temple president) for 56 years. They have two children and two grandchildren.



Mazel Tov

Kalman Miller

For the special honor of

Man of the Year

*Thank you for all your support
and commitment to
Temple Beth El – Somerset*

Temple Beth El – Somerset Sisterhood



YASHER KOACH & CONGRATULATIONS

to our most deserving 2024 Temple Beth El Somerset

“Man Of The Year” honoree:

KALMAN “KAL” MILLER

Thank you for all your years of dedication to our Temple (as past President and Financial Secretary) and to our Men’s Club (as board member and in any way needed). We can always count on you to support us and the Jewish community. We wish you and your family all the best in the future.



Mazel Tov!

Temple Beth El of Somerset Men’s Club



Mazel Tov and Yasher Koach to Kalman “Kal” Miller

Temple Beth El’s Men’s Club 2024 Man of the Year

Thanks Kal and congratulations on this most deserved recognition for all the years of dedicated work you have done for our Temple, our Men’s Club, and the local Jewish Community. We are so proud to have you as our 2024 Men’s Club Man of the Year and wish you and your family all the best in the future.

Your Temple Beth El of Somerset Family and Friends,

- ◆ Betsy Antonoff
- ◆ Arthur Auster
- ◆ Agnes Birnbaum
- ◆ Henriette Cohen
- ◆ Howard & Janice Cove
- ◆ Ben & Lisa Dancyger
- ◆ Bob & Lori Fink
- ◆ Rabbi Eli Garfinkel & Naomi Lasky
- ◆ Bill & Adele Gilman
- ◆ Bernie & Janet Goldstein
- ◆ Jeff & Iris Green
- ◆ Rob & Nancy Greenfield
- ◆ Marc & Martha Hilton
- ◆ Mike & Karen Jacobs
- ◆ Joan Kelter
- ◆ Martin & Marcia Kosmin
- ◆ Ed & Susan Lacher
- ◆ Brian Lee
- ◆ Adam Reiss
- ◆ Elizabeth Reiss-Lee
- ◆ Susan Reiss
- ◆ Daniel E. Morris & Tammy Underwood
- ◆ Bob & Sari Persily
- ◆ Elliott & Mara Sacks
- ◆ Carol Schreiber
- ◆ Harris Schwartz
- ◆ Andy Sheffrin
- ◆ Brian & Patty Waller
- ◆ Rick & Geri Weitz



Congratulations

Kal

on a well-deserved Honor!

Your hard work and dedication
to Temple Beth El are
greatly appreciated.

*Happy to celebrate good
times with you!*

The Fink Family



צדיק כותמר יפרח כארז בלבנון ישגה

**Rabbi Eli Garfinkel and Naomi Lasky
wish Kalman Miller a hearty Mazal Tov
on his selection as Temple Beth El of
Somerset's Man of the Year!**

*The righteous bloom like a date-palm;
they thrive like a cedar in Lebanon. Ps. 92:13*

Kal,

We congratulate you on a wonderful
recognition of your hard work.

It is well deserved!

Love,

Joe and Gina Turkel



Congratulations to **Kal Miller** on his selection as **Man of the Year** from his proud brother.

Kal has volunteered his services throughout his lifetime for so many worthy causes and has earned this wonderful recognition by the Northern NJ Region of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs.

Robert S. Miller



Congratulations!
You've been our Man of the Year every year!

Inger, Justin, Dana, Lauren, Kevin



THANK YOU
KALMAN MILLER
Man of the Year(s)
To all of us
Especially what you
Achieved for Temple Beth El
And beyond for Jewish People
With
Love & Respect
Sy . Edi
The Mayerson Family

KAL MILLER

So glad to celebrate your well-deserved honor

as

Temple Beth El Somerset's

Man of the year

Mazel Tov!

Betsy, Ellen and Chuck

2024-2025 NNJR Executive Board

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



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**Rabbi Larry
Brandspiegel**
Spiritual Advisor
East Brunswick

2024/5785 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 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 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, Co-Chair
Len Whitman, Co-Chair



Lance Adelson
Marlboro



Seth Arbital
Aberdeen



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