## Northern New Jersey Region - FJMC Twenty-Eighth Annual

## MAN OF THE YEAR/ YOUTH OF THE YEAR 2017/5778

Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael - Springfield, NJ

Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Marlboro Jewish Center (Ohev Shalom) - Marlboro, NJ

### מזל מוב ויישר כח

to

### **Paul Peyser**

FJMC – Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael Springfield, NJ Chapter Man of the Year Honoree 5778

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### Lexie Brooks

FJMC – Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael Springfield, NJ Chapter Youth of the Year Honoree 5778



Mark Mallach, Senior Rabbi Cecelia Beyer, Associate Rabbi

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### Program for the Evening

Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael - Wednesday, November 8th, 2016 Marlboro Jewish Center (Ohev Shalom) - November 15th, 2016



6 PM

Check-in, Registration, Social Hour

7:30 PM

Ma'ariv Service

National Anthems

D'Var Torah

President's Message

Club Man of the Year / Youth of the Year Presentations

Harvey Hershkowitz, Region President, Congregation Agudath Israel,
Caldwell

Elliott Brown, Region Executive Vice President, Marlboro Jewish Center (Ohev Shalom)



Regional Man of the Year Presentation

David Glass, Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael, Springfield Dave Julis, East Brunswick Jewish Center, East Brunswick

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9:00 PM

Dessert is Served.

### The Clubs of the Northern NJ Region

BETH AHM, Aberdeen

BETH EL SYNAGOGUE, East Windsor

CONGREGATION AGUDATH ISRAEL, Caldwell

CONGREGATION BETH EL, South Orange

CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL, Scotch Plains

CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL OF THE PALISADES, Cliffside Park

CONGREGATION BETH SHOLOM, Teaneck

CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL, Toms River

CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL, Millburn

CONGREGATION B'NAI JESHURUN, Staten Island, NY

CONGREGATION B'NAI TIKVAH, North Brunswick

CONGREGATION NEVE SHALOM, Metuchen

CONGREGATION TORAT-EL, Ocean

EAST BRUNSWICK JEWISH CENTER, East Brunswick FAIR LAWN JEWISH CENTER/CBI, Fair Lawn **HIGHLAND PARK CONSERVATIVE TEMPLE AND CENTER**, Highland Park OHEV SHALOM/MARLBORO JEWISH CENTER, Marlboro PINE BROOK JEWISH CENTER, Montville Shomrei Torah, Wayne Conservative, Wayne TEMPLE BETH AHM YISRAEL, Springfield TEMPLE BETH EL, Somerset TEMPLE BETH-EL/MEKOR CHAYIM, Cranford TEMPLE BETH OHR, Old Bridge TEMPLE BETH O'R/BETH TORAH, Clark **TEMPLE BETH SHALOM**, Livingston **TEMPLE B'NAI SHALOM**, West Orange TEMPLE EMANU-EL, Closter TEMPLE ISRAEL BMC, Ridgewood **TEMPLE SHOLOM**, Bridgewater THE JEWISH CENTER, Princeton WHITE MEADOW TEMPLE, Rockaway

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

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### A message from our Regional President

November 2017 Cheshvan 5778

Chaverim,

Welcome to the 2016 Man of the Year Dinners being held at Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael in Springfield and at Ohev Shalom/Marlboro Jewish Center in Marlboro. We are all here to honor the Men and Youths of the Clubs in the Region and recognize them for all they do to better their communities. We are also honoring Denis Vogel as our Region Man of the Year.

The Man of the Year Dinner is the signature event of the Region. We will have about 600 attendees at the two dinners. I want to express my appreciation to Dinner Chairs, David Glass for the North Dinner and Dave Mandell for the South Dinner for their outstanding efforts in putting the dinners together. I also want to thank Joel Brimmer and Stu Mantel, the Ad Journal chairs for all their outstanding work in producing the Ad Journal.

Thanks to the NNJR Executive Board for all their efforts in making our Region one of the best in the FJMC.

On behalf of the Region, thanks to all of you for attending. Your support of your Clubs and Honorees is very gratifying. I hope you all have an enjoyable and worthwhile evening. I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible.

L'shalom,

Harvey Hershkowitz

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



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

and Canada. We are growing every day. We are improving Jewish life every day.

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Working Together, We Can Do So Much More"
...HINEI MA TOV U'MANAYIM...

# 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Man of the Year and Youth of the Year Honorees

### 2017/5778 Men's Club Award Recipients

| MAN OF THE YEAR  YOUTH OF THE YEAR                                 |
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| Dennis VogelNorthern New Jersey Region                             |
| Tom Golbert Beth El Synagogue, East Windsor Jackie Harris          |
| Josh HenryCongregation Agudath Israel, Caldwell                    |
| Marty Hoffman Congregation Beth El, South Orange Miriam Morris     |
| Adam Margolis Cong. Beth Israel, Scotch Plains Zachary Labush      |
| Robert Kushner   |
| Michael Perks Cong. B'nai Israel, Toms RiverVictoria Kaufman       |
| David Sotnick Congregation B'nai Israel, Millburn                  |
| Corey Stalerman. Cong. B'nai Jeshurun, Staten Island, NY           |
| Joshua OliverCong. B'nai Tikvah, North BrunswickJoshua Safeer      |
| Steven Schneider Cong. Neve Shalom, Metuchen Danielle Stern        |
| Neil Warar Congregation Torat-El, Ocean Jackyn Shapiro             |
| Alan Ferrer East Brunswick Jewish Center, East Brunswick Ari Alter |
| Todd Walker Fair Lawn Jewish Center/CBI, Fair Lawn                 |
| Carey GlassHPCT-CAE, Highland Park Michelle Rothberg               |
| Jeff Katz Ohev Shalom/Marlboro JC, MarlboroJason Sherman           |
| Cory Fox   |
| Josh Eiger   |
| Richard Kurland Pine Brook Jewish Center, Montville Randi Deltz    |
| Robert BaronShomrei Torah, Wayne Cons., Wayne                      |
| Paul PeyserTemple Beth Ahm Yisrael, Springfield Alexis Brooks      |
| Temple Beth El, Somerset   |
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| Lonnie HirschTemple Beth Shalom, Livingston                        |
| Craig Schwarz Temple Beth-El/Mekor Chayim, Cranford Max Kopla      |
| David Gleaner Temple B'nai Shalom, West Orange Aviva Kamens        |
| Joe Landau Temple Israel BMC, Ridgewood Robert Bakal               |
| Temple Sholom, Bridgewater   |

## Northern New Jersey Region Man of the Year Dennis Vogel Temple Israel BMC, Ridgewood



Denis Vogel was born in the Bronx during the height of the tumultuous Baby Boom era to an itinerant ophthalmologist from Brooklyn and OBGYN from Mexico. At the tender age of 14 months he was yanked from the security of the urban jungle to the untamed wilds of Tenafly in the New Jersey suburbs. A resourceful child, he adapted quickly to his new environment.

Denis's formative school years were spent in the Tenafly public school system and the Temple Emanu-el of Englewood Hebrew School where he became Bar Mitzvah and later graduated Hebrew High. So devastated by the loss of their prized pupil, Temple Emanu-el eventually relocated to Closter to hide its despair.

After High School Denis attended Tulane University where he waited tables, was a disk jockey on college radio and also managed the time to earn his BS degree.

He then went on to find a career in the world of electrical supply, specifying commercial lighting and Low voltage switchgear.

It was a chance blind date where Denis met the love of his life Carla. In spite of his mother's and Carla's aunt's best efforts, they fell for each other anyway. Carla and Denis have been married for 27 years and eventually settled in Ridgewood, NJ. They have a 19 year old son, Jerry (former YOY) who is now a freshman at Northeastern University studying computer science.

Denis's career in the Jewish community started when a fellow synagogue member at Temple Israel and JCC in Ridgewood conned him into going to a Men's club meeting with the promise of post meeting adult beverages. Denis eventually worked his way up through the ranks becoming president of the Brandeis Men's club taking part in projects such as Sukkah erection, planning and running Casino Night and other synagogue support activities.

After Denis's BMC term he went on to bigger and better things with the promise of greater power corrupting his judgment. He made the mistake of missing a meeting which caused him to eventually become Synagogue president. This position led to his getting involved with the Jewish Federation who helped him to form the Northern NJ Jewish Academy (NNJJA) the region's first multi-synagogue collaborative Hebrew School.

Having no new local ambitions, Denis set his sights out on regional activities becoming a regional Vice President of the NNJR-FJMC board where he is the Northern Rosh . This past summer he also served as Ritual Co-chair for the international convention.

Denis is also an avid skier and biker (cycler? cyclist? Two wheels, no motor). Cycling has also caused him to get involved in the annual JFCS" Wheels for Meals" charity ride by being on both the ride committee and fielding a team. This ride provides funds to feed those less fortunate in our community. Cycling is also the impetus by which he and others have started a Men's club Facebook group supporting men's health and weight loss. Please see me if you are interested in joining the group.

I am humbled by the honor of being selected as regional MOY. Please join me and all the MOYs to be at this year's regional retreat in June.

### Tom Golbert

### Beth El Synagogue, East Windsor

Since joining Beth El Synagogue, Tom has been a frequent leader of Shiva and weekday Minyan Services, the chairperson of the annual World Wide (Tefillin) Wrap the last seven years and regular participant in religious services, the Saturday afternoon study group, and synagogue blood drives. Since 2003, he donated more than 50 units of blood and more than 50 units of platelets. Tom and his wife Gloria were the honorees of the 2014 Israel Bond Breakfast.

Tom has held appointments as clinical professor of medicine at the University of Colorado, the University of Minnesota, and currently Seton Hall University, served 20 years in the United States Air Force Reserves/Wisconsin Air National Guard, served many positions and



committees for his county and state medical societies and the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology and published 32 papers in the medical literature, including contributions to three textbooks of allergy and immunology and a textbook of internal medicine. He has served the county medical society as president and have frequently been a speaker at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology.

He is appreciative and grateful to his wife Gloria.

### **Jacqueline Harris**

### Beth El Synagogue, East Windsor

Jackie has been largely involved in both Beth El Synagogue and the Jewish community at large. Since eighth grade she has taught religious school as an aid with both the Torah for Tots and Zayin classes at Beth El, and attended Hebrew High School. Additionally, she has been a participant in the Jewish Community Youth Foundation since eighth grade, and has served on its advisory board. Similarly, she works in Gesher LeKesher as a peer mentor for the Hebrew High School. Jackie is also heavily involved with USY, United Synagogue Youth, both at Beth El and on the New Jersey regional level. She has served on East Windsor USY's boad since freshman



year, culminating her high school career as President of the chapter. This past summer, Jackie co-chaired Mid-Atlantic District's USY Encampment, and was responsible for planning and executing the week-long event for over two hundred high-schoolers. She is also a member of the Hagalil USY's Regional General Board.

At school, Jackie is a member of the National Honor Society, historian for the Tri-M Music Honors Society, and has been secretary for her school's chapter of the International Thespian Honor Society for two years. She has also performed in the school musical since freshman year. Further, Jackie serves on the East Windsor Juvenile Conference Committee as a teenage representative of the community.

### **Josh Henry**

### **Congregation Agudath Israel, Caldwell**



Josh Henry has been active in the CAI Men's Club since 2010. As one of its youngest members, Josh brings enthusiasm, dedication, and the willingness to help others to CAI. Josh has worked as a cook for Restaurant Associates in New York City at Alliance Bernstein for 12 years. Prior to joining RA, he was one of the original employees at the Borgata Casino/Hotel and Spa in Atlantic City.

At CAI Men's Club, Josh has volunteered his culinary expertise and helping hand, always there with a smile, whenever called upon. He cooks for the annual Purim Carnival, various barbecue events and Blood Drive, helps construction of the Succah, and many more. He is also a regular at CAI's Shabbat services, and daily

evening minyan.

Besides the Men's Club and Restaurant Associates, Josh's passion is sports, especially cheering for the New York Jets and Rangers, and playing golf. Other interests include music, history, and being the best Uncle to his nephew Ronen.

Josh is proud to represent Congregation Agudath Israel Men's Club 2017 Man of the Year.

### **Marty Hoffman**

### **Congregation Beth El, South Orange**



Marty & Sheryl Hoffman currently live in Jersey City after living in South Orange for 23 years. They have been members of Congregation Beth El South Orange for about 20 years. Over the past 17 years, Marty has been either President or Treasurer for Men's Club. His wife Sheryl is a past president of Congregation Beth El. Marty was on the board of directors at Beth El for 2 yrs. Marty also has been responsible for the High Holiday Floor Gabbai duties for about 10 years. For about 15 years Marty has been in charge of the Men's Club weekly basketball games.

Marty is a CPA. He worked for CPA firms for many years & also worked as Chief Financial Officer for a couple of different manufacturing companies. Over the past 7 years he has been the principal in his solely owned CPA firm located in West Orange.

He is very proud of the rejuvenated Men's Club under the leadership of President, Mike Schloff & Exec Vice President, Scott Horowitz. Congregation Beth El has been growing over the past few years thanks in large part to our warm, smart, energetic, & friendly Rabbi, Jesse Olitzky and our preschool directory Rivka Nelson. Thanks to all of the many new members who have joined this thriving synagogue and as well the Men's Club.

Marty is thrilled to share this honor with Men's Club Youth of the Year choice, Miriam Morris.

### **Miriam Morris**

### Congregation Beth El, South Orange

Miriam Morris is a senior at Golda Och Academy and proud member of Beth El. Since her freshman year, Miriam has served on the board of the South Orange, and SOMA, USY program as Freshman Representative, Communications VP, and President. She has also been a Madricha at the Jewish Learning Center for the past five years. Miriam is an active participant in her school's arts program. She has starred in Golda Och's productions of Legally Blonde the Musical, Into the Woods, Romeo and Juliette, Guys and Dolls, and Arsenic and Old Lace. She is also an active member of the Golden Ochtaves, the Golda Och high school choir, and has participated in the HaZamir



International Teen Choir for the last four years. When she isn't on stage, Miriam is co-captain of her school's girl's lacrosse team and secretary of her National Honors Society chapter. Miriam is honored to share this award with Martin Hoffman..

### **Robert Kuchner**

### **Congregation Beth Israel, Scotch Plains**

Robert G. Kuchner, CPA, PFS, is a Partner at Marks Paneth LLP. Where he provides Business Management and Family Office services to a varied client base. Previously, he was Managing Partner of Rosenberg, Neuwirth & Kuchner, CPAs, P.C., a Manhattan-based accounting firm that he founded in 1990. He played an active role in that firm's growth and development until it combined with Marks Paneth LLP in 2013.

Mr. Kuchner was past president of the Congregation Beth Israel (CBI) Mens club, and its treasure for a long stretch from the Mid 1980s to mid-1990s. He chaired the finance committee for the Synagogues building committee and Currently serves on CBI's Finance committee.



He is an active member of the Budget and Finance Committee and Chairman of the Audit Committee of the Board of Governors of the Jewish Agency for Israel. He is also active in the Jewish Federations of North America, where he has served on the Executive Committee, the Budget and Finance Committee and Chair of the Audit Committee and Assistant Treasurer. He is a past president of the Jewish Federation of Central New Jersey, now the Jewish Federation of Greater Metro West, and past Israel Overseas Chair. He is the President of The Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Metro West New Jersey. He serves as the Treasurer of the North American Friends of Amcha Israel, which provides Holocaust survivors with post-traumatic stress counseling in Israel. He is also the Treasurer of Rutgers Hillel.

He is a past co-chair of the Theater Group of the Entertainment, Media and Communications Division of the UJA-Federation of New York City. Additionally, he is a past honorary trustee of the American Symphony Orchestra and currently Mr. Kuchner is Vice President of the New Dramatists, which is a nonprofit center for the development of talented playwrights.

### **Adam Margolis**



### **Congregation Beth Israel, Scotch Plains**

Adam Margolis has lived in Scotch Plains, New Jersey with his wife Illana since 2000. They have been active members of the Congregation Beth Israel community since arriving in town. Adam has three children, Hannah 18, Freshman at Michigan State University, Jordan 15, Sophomore at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, and Emma 12, 7th grade at Terrill Middle School. Adam was raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and attended a dual degree program between Columbia University and The Jewish Theological Seminary in New York City, having graduated in 1993. He has dedicated his career to pharmaceutical marketing and communications. Adam is the CEO and Managing Partner of L&M Health Group a group of companies which he co-founded which includes L&M Healthcare

Communications in New Jersey and VUE Health Insights in Boston.

Adam dedicated himself to the process of identifying and recruiting the new Rabbi at CBI following the retirement of CBI's treasured Rabbi Nudell. He spent countless hours screening resumes, conducting multiple rounds of increasingly intense interviews and participating in the executive direction of the lengthy search.

### **Zach Labush**



### **Congregation Beth Israel, Scotch Plains**

My name is Zach Labush, I'm a senior at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. I live with my parents and younger brother, Matt, as well as our two dogs and two cats; all are rescues. For my Bar Mitzvah project, I raised money for Home For Good Dogs, as I've always had a gift with animals. I've been working at CBI as a madrich for the past two years, and was a student there since I was eight. Many of my summers have been spent as a camper at the JCC and then a counselor. Judaism has always been a big part of my life and I've been involved in many activities at CBI. With Jewish culture being something I enjoyed and the ease in which I learned the prayers, I was a good resource in helping my brother with his Bar Mitzvah studies this past February. My brother refers to me as our own rabbi. I'm

currently working on my college applications, and hope to study finance and

accounting. Being Jewish has always been a very important part of my life, and I'm very honored to be given this award..

### **Michael Perks**

### **Congregation B'nai Israel, Toms River**

Like so many Ocean County residents, Michael Perks was originally a "Brooklyn Boy" who eventually migrated to New Jersey, where he graduated from Fairleigh Dickinson University and then from Paterson General Hospital School of Ultrasound. During his years as an Ultrasonographer, and because of his strong sense-of-service, Michael dedicated himself to providing the best possible care for all those who came to him for testing and found it to be a very rewarding career.

Since joining Congregation B'nai Israel, Michael has become an active participant in all aspects of synagogue life and, in particular, Men's Club. Before he recently assumed his new leadership role as Men's Club President, Michael could be counted on to volunteer and assist whenever possible. Whether cooking for a Men's Club Klezmer Shabbat BBQ, or setting up the sanctuary



for the High Holy Days; whether purchasing bagel breakfast for Sunday morning minion, or helping with the "Yellow Candle Project," Michael always experiences joy in helping others and making people happy. According to Michael, "my association with B'nai Israel is the most socially active that I've ever been, and being a part of the CBI family has been a wonderful experience, which has greatly enriched my life....I feel that my new leadership role with Men's Club will just give me the opportunity to do more of what I love to do."

Michael is a member of the B'nai Israel Board of Trustees and a also member of the synagogues' Hevra Kadisha team. He is a member of "Student Struggle for Soviet Jewery" and is a Jersey Shore Knights-of-Pythias Board member. Michael is also an Endowment Life Member of the National Rifle Association.

### Victoria Kaufman

### Congregation B'nai Israel, Toms River

Victoria Kaufman is a Senior at Toms River High School North. She is a member of the National Honor Society and a recipient of the Academic Achievement Award for three consecutive years. Her leadership skills are demonstrated through her actions as Captain of the Toms River North Girls Tennis Team and President of the local USY chapter. She is an avid reader and volunteers her time at her school's writing center as a tutor. Victoria loves to travel, and this past summer she travelled throughout Eastern Europe and Israel with USY.



Additionally, Victoria has been recognized as a PerkPlans Foundation Volunteer

helping identify, treat and prevent opioid addiction. Last, but certainly not least, Victoria is a dedicated and loving daughter, sister, cousin, granddaughter, niece, and friend.

### **Corey Stalerman**



### Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, Staten Island

Sima and I were married 1989, our daughter Sarah was born 1996. We moved to Staten Island mid-1990,s. When Sarah started Hebrew School, aleph class, at the urging of the Rabbi she began Junior Congregation. I remained for the adult Saturday services. Throughout her Hebrew School and beyond her Bat Mitzvah, Sarah and I continued to attend the Saturday morning services. During this time, I accepted the board's offer of membership, becoming a member of the Ways and Means Committee. As a Ways and Means member, we chaired the (presently) last Dinner Dances and reestablished mailing out High holiday cards and the Yizkor Memorial Book. Although not a board member, as a member of the Ways and Means committee, presently I am involved in mailing out the High Holiday cards and the Yizkor Memorial Book.

### **Joshua Oliver**



### Congregation B'nai Tikvah, North Brunswick

Joshua, along with his wife Suzanne and two sons, Jeremy and Zachary have been active congregants at Congregation B'nai Tikvah. Joshua currently sits on B'nai Tikvah's Executive Board as Activities Vice President and has been an active member of the Men's Club. Joshua has planned several community events for the temple, including Havdallah Swim parties, arranging educational speakers to present on current Israeli events and coordinated a summer film festival in conjuction with the Axelrod Art Center. In addition, Joshua successfully co-chaired a comedy night at the temple. Professionally, Joshua is a form regulator with the New York State Department of Financial Services and is currently the Chief Compliance Officer for Metropolitan Commercial Bank. Joshua is a wellrespected Anti-Money Laundering professional for the

past 20 years and has spoken on numerous panels regarding the challenges banks face in the ever changing regulatory climate. Joshua is an avid golfer and huge New York Jets fan.

### **Joshua Safeer**

### Congregation B'nai Tikvah, North Brunswick

My name is Joshua Safeer. I am 17 years old and I am a senior at East Brunswick High School. I play varsity football and volleyball on my school teams and basketball in my town's recreational league. Additionally, I am in National Honor Society and Future Business Leaders of America. I have been an active member of Congregation B'nai Tikvah for my whole life. I frequently lead services and read Torah at the synagogue. For the past four years, I have served on the USY Executive Board. I served as Freshman Representative, then as Religious Education Vice President for the next two years, and currently I am serving as the President of the North/South Brunswick USY Chapter. For the past three years I have volunteered every Sunday morning in the



Religious School, first doing administrative work for the director, followed by two years of assisting the kindergarten teacher and students. In my free time, I enjoy skiing in the Rockies and taking family cruise vacations. I am a lifelong Buffalo Bills fan and I have two older sisters and two loving parents.

### **Steve Schneider**

### **Congregation Neve Shalom, Metuchen**

Steve Schneider has been a member of Neve Shalom for over 20 years. Steve grew up in Harrisburg, PA where his family was very involved in Jewish Life. Steve attended a local Yeshiva through 9th grade and living a Jewish Life came naturally to him. Steve, his wife Lisa and their three children Jacob, Samantha and Haley have been members of Neve Shalom for over 20 years.

Steve became active in the Neve Shalom Men's club about 7 years ago, when he was one of the people instrumental in starting up what's now the Torah on Tap weekly Study group that brings together about 20 guys every week for a study session along with pizza and beer. From there, Steve became more involved in the Men's Club and in Neve Shalom in general, serving as Men's Club President from 2015 through 2017 and



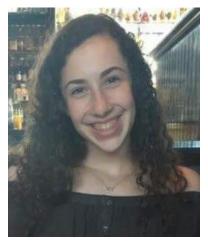
currently serving as Neve Shalom's Membeship Vice President.

Steve has been to 2 of the last 3 FJMC Conventions, the last NNJR Regional Retreat and is a member in good standing in the International Kiddush Club. A graduate of Penn State, Steve's text tone is a Nittany Lion roar and lives and dies by Penn State.

On any given Shabbat morning, Steve will be found in Shul, debating the finer points of the next Penn State game, or maybe davening, only Steve knows for sure. At Kiddush, Steve greats everyone with a warm handshake and a shot of

whiskey.quam. In vel mi sit amet augue congue elementum. Morbi in ipsum sit amet pede facilisis laoreet. Donec lacus nunc, viverra nec.

### **Danielle Stein**



### **Congregation Neve Shalom, Metuchen**

Danielle Stein is Congregation Neve Shalom's Youth of the Year. She is a junior honors student at Metuchen High School and currently serves as both Co-President of the USY chapter at Neve Shalom and Hagalil Is Home Regional General Board. USY is a huge part of

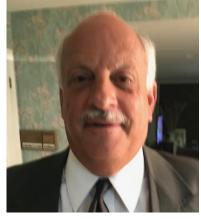
Danielle is a very familiar face at Neve, often reads Torah and helps lead junior congregation over the Jewish Holidays.

In the summer of 2017 Danielle travelled on USY on Wheels Pacific Northwest and was exposed to Jewish life in Alaska, Vancouver Canada and throughout the Pacific Northwest. Danielle is extremely excited for this summer as she will travel to Israel and Eastern Europe

on USY Pilgrimage.

Danielle has been a competitive gymnast since she was five years old training six days a week. She loves watching gymnastics and is a huge NY Giants football fan.

### **Neil Warar**



### **Congregation Torat-El, Ocean**

I was born in Monmouth County, NJ and still reside here, having never left. I graduated from Bucknell University I was in the names of the files and put them in 1980. I own our family business, United Cleaning Contractors, Inc, a full service Janitorial & Window Cleaning Company, located in Asbury Park, NJ-I am the 3rd generation owner, my grandfather started this business in 1925.

In 1987, I married my true love, Donna, and together we have raised 2 beautiful daughters, Melissa (28) & Jessica (25). Melissa is getting married 3 days prior to this honor I am receiving.

I am a true sport enthusiast-I enjoy fishing & golfing in my spare time-enjoy participating & playing most sports and referee high school & youth soccer.

I was the President of the Congregation Torat-El Men's Club for the past 3 years-I am still active on our board, as well as our Temple's Board of Trustees and on the Temple's Fund Raising Committee.

I am truly honored to have been chosen as Torat-El Man of the Year.

### Jackyn Shapiro

### **Congregation Torat-El, Ocean**

Jaclyn Shapiro, daughter of Congregation Torat-El's former president, Larry Shapiro, is a dedicated and determined member of the congregation. She was bat-mitzvahed on January 5, 2013 and within a year of her bat-mitzvah she became a Master Torah Reader, completing the 24 times of reading required for one to be given such a title. She was given the Shabbat Parah Maftir, otherwise known as the longest maftir in the Torah, just two months after her bat-mitzvah. In addition, she learned High Holiday trope so that she could chant on Rosh Hashana. Chanting the Shabbat Parah Maftir, and the fifth aliyah on Rosh Hashana are tasks that Jackie continues to uphold, including reading other times throughout the year.



In addition to Jackie's Torah reading, she was involved with the temple's teen service group called, Tikkun Olam. In this group, Jackie and other students planned and organized volunteer services before taking part in them. Some of Jackie's favorite experiences include cooking/baking for the Ronald McDonald House and doing a beach sweep.

Currently, Jackie is a senior at Shore Regional High School. She is involved in three varsity sports, earning a letter in basketball as a freshman and her letters in field hockey and lacrosse as a sophomore. She is now a captain, along with two other girls, of the field hockey team and she has also been named the sole captain of the basketball team. She is a member of the Student Advisory Committee, SAW (Students for Animal Welfare), and National Honor Society. Along with all of her extracurricular activities, Jackie works extremely hard in school, loading her senior schedule with 4 AP classes and 2 IB courses.

She is excited for her future at whatever college she chooses to attend, and is extremely honored to have been selected as Congregation Torat-El's 2017 Youth of the Year.

### **Alan Ferrer**

### **East Brunswick Jewish Center, East Brunswick**

Alan Ferrer first joined EBJC in 1990 with his wife Margie. Alan joined EBJC' Men's Club immediately after moving to East Brunswick. Their two daughters had their B'not Mitzvah at EBJC. Alan first helped by being an usher and greeter for our congregation. Alan was mentored by Myron Knobe to assist with our Sunday breakfast programs. Alan has long coordinated ushers and Bima Sitters for our high holiday services. Later Alan also started doing this for weekly Shabbat services too. Alan prefers staying in the background on anything Men's Club does. Alan is now a retired postal worker who now is contracted to drive for Uber. EBJC's Men's Club



considers Alan an indispensible man who never says no when asked to help out.

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### **Ari Alter**



### **East Brunswick Jewish Center, East Brunswick**

Ari Alter began his involvement with the Jewish community at 3 by going to EBJC to move Machzorim for High Holidays. By the time he was 6 he wanted to get involved in services by learning to read Torah. After his Bar Mitzvah, Ari took on the obligation to regularly attend weekday minyanim for the good of his local community. Now in his 3rd year as EB USY Religious & Education VP, Ari organizes teen services and lunches recruiting his peers to participate. He is a regular Torah reader at the EBJC Egalitarian minyan. He volunteers at the EBJC "Kesher" youth education program as a Madrich. In addition to being active in the Jewish

Community, Ari is an honors student and National Honor Society member at East Brunswick High School, where he is a senior. Ar i is captain of the Cross Country team. During all 4 years of high school Ari has run on the Cross Country, Winter Track, and Spring Track teams. Ari is very appreciative of this honor that the East Brunswick Jewish Center Men's Club is awarding to him.

### **Todd Walker**



### Fair Lawn Jewish Center/CBI, Fair Lawn

Todd is very proud to be honored as Man of the Year of the Men's Progress Club. He has served as President of the Fair Lawn Jewish Center/Congregation B'Nai Israel Men's Progress Club for the past two years, 2015-2017. He also served as Executive Vice President for two years, as well as the Club's Vice President of Religious Affairs. Todd has been actively involved in the Men's Progress Club for over 8 years.

Todd grew up in Edison, New Jersey and was a congregant of Temple Neve Shalom in Metuchen, NJ where he became a Bar Mitzvah. He and his wife, Jessica have lived in Fair Lawn since 1999 and have two children Barry and Jenna. Todd and Jessica are both active in the Fair Lawn Jewish Center, Congregation B'nai Israel community. Todd is a Financial

Executive/Analyst working within IT Infrastructure at RBC Capital Markets. His Business background is in Forecasting, Budgeting and most recently Procurement.

### **Carey Glass**

### **Highland Park Conservative, Highland Park**

Carey Glass is a practicing Prosthetist and Orthotist and Director of Clinical Services for AlliedOP treating patients throughout the area. He has been a member of the Men's Cub and HPTC CAE for the past 30 years. As a member he has participated in all of the activities and has worked on many programs that both benefit the Men's Club and the synagogue. He has been on numerous committees and has served as religious chairman of the synagogue 3 different times. Currently he is the co-chair of the religious committee and one of the Gabbi's for the congregation, providing support and service to the synagogue community as a whole, leading services, reading Torah and Haftora regularly.

### Michelle Rothberg

### **Highland Park Conservative, Highland Park**

Michelle Rothberg is a senior at Highland Park High School. She previously attended Solomon Schechter Day School of Raritan Valley. She currently serves as President of the United Synagogue Youth Chapter of the Highland Park Conservative Temple – Congregation Anshe Emeth (HPCT – CAE), and has served on the chapter's board of directors each of the past four years. She spends most Shabbat mornings leading one of the temples' children's programs. She spent eight summers at Camp Ramah in the Berkshires. This past summer, she participated in Ramah Israel Seminar.

Michelle is one of the leaders of Amandala, Highland Park High School's female, student-led, a cappella group. She also sings in the high school's master



chorale and concert choir, and currently serves on the choir's board of directors. She also participates on the Highland Park High School's girls volleyball team and track team.

### Jeff Katz

### Ohev Shalom/Marlboro JC, Marlboro

Jeff Katz is the Immediate Past President of the Marlboro Jewish Center. He and his wife Iris have been members of MJC for 15 years. They have been married for 26 years and have two children. Marissa is a junior at Penn State and Seth is a freshman at American University. Both kids attended the MJC pre-school, had their B'nai Mitzvah's here, and were very active in the USY chapter.

Jeff grew up in Monmouth County and became a Bar Mitzvah at Temple Shalom in Aberdeen. His father was President of Temple Shalom 35 years ago.

Jeff was Treasurer and Executive Vice President before becoming President in 2014. He has also served on numerous review, negotiating, and nominating



committees. He is proud to have chaired the first negotiating committee for Rabbi Pont, as well as the most recent ones for both Rabbi and Cantor Krieger.

Jeff now serves on the Board of Trustees as Immediate Past President. He also spent many years coaching Little League Baseball and Rec Basketball.

Jeff has been a member of the MJC Men's Club since he joined the Temple and enjoys attending many events. He believes that a strong Men's Club plays an important role in the vitality of the Jewish community.

Jeff is the COO and Co-founder of Strategic Audit Solutions (SAS). SAS specializes in Accounts Payable recovery audits for medium to large size companies in all industries. Utilizing their customized audit process, client data and proprietary software, and skilled auditors, SAS returns hidden profits to their clients bottom line every day. You can check out his company at www.sasrecovery.com

Prior to starting SAS, Jeff was VP-US Auditing Operations for PRGX. Jeff started his career as a CPA in Public Accounting..

### **Jason Sherman**





Jason has been a fixture at Marlboro Jewish Center since he was a toddler in Mommy and Me the MJC preschool! Eventually, Katan, pre-kadima, Kadima and the Hebrew School helped to solidify his Jewish identity and his connection to our synagogue. He later joined Hebrew High and High Hebrew High and along the way USY. Jason's involvement in the MJC spans a variety of activities. Twice a week he works with the Madrichim as an instructional aide within the classroom, assisting the Hebrew school teachers with various tasks or shadows a special needs student. His reliability and sense of commitment

continually impresses the staff. Jason has taken on several other positions within the youth program as well. Once a month, he works with the Katan and pre-kadima programs and twice a month he works with Kadima. Jason is also part of the new Migdol leadership program. Every High Holiday since his Bar Mitzvah, Jason has read Torah, blown the shofar, played in the Temple band, and most recently leads the well-attended Family Service.

The importance of Judaism in Jason's life is evident in his passion for USY. Starting in Katan and moving all way up to the Executive Board of the MJC chapter and becoming the Regional VP of Religion Education, Jason has been a consistent and ardent member. During his time, he developed and organized several award-winning Escape Room Judaic learning experiences. This program has been shared with many chapters throughout the region. His MUSY chapter has garnered several regional and international awards and honors. He has attended international conventions, encampment, all

leadership conferences, and every convention and regional event along with 2 USY Wheels summer programs.

As he readies for the next phase of his life, he wants to pay tribute to the teachers, USY advisors, and clergy at MJC who have helped to shape and guide him. He anticipates attending a college next year where a strong, relevant Jewish student presence exists where he can continue his involvement in Judaism through Hillel.

### **Cory Fox**

### Ohev Shalom/Marlboro JC, Marlboro

Cory, a senior at Marlboro High School, is humbled and honored to be named one Marlboro Jewish Center's "Youth of the Year" along with Josh Eiger and Jason Sherman.

Cory has been involved in the Marlboro Jewish Center community since pre-school, and has been enrolled in Hebrew School, Hebrew High School, and currently, High Hebrew High School. As a graduate of MJC's Hebrew High School in 2016, Cory received the Rubin Award for his involvement and participation throughout his time in the program. He now also works as a Madrich in the Hebrew School.



Cory, in addition to the religious school, has also worked for MJC's Youth Department for the past 3

years, including Katan (grades K-2), Pre-Kadima (grades 3-5), and Kadima (grades 6-8).

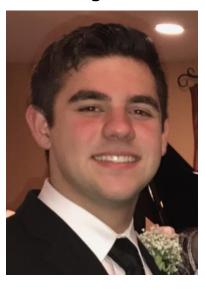
Cory dedicates most of his time to MUSY, Marlboro Jewish Center's USY Chapter. He served as the 2015-2016 Membership and Programming Vice President, and was awarded Excellence in Programming and Excellence in Membership for International USY. Cory also served as the 2016-2017 MUSY President, and was awarded for the chapter the title of Hagalil Region Chapter of Excellence.

Cory has participated in three USY Summer Programs during his high school career. He was a member of Wheels East 2014, Wheels Classic 2015, and Eastern Europe/Israel Pilgrimage 2016, where he traveled to Poland, Czech Republic, and Israel.

Outside of MJC, Cory is the President of Marlboro High School's Spanish Honor Society and serves on the board of the Donate Life Club. He is also a member of the National Honor Society and participates in Math League. Cory's college goals include pursuing a major in biology and being an integral part of his college's Jewish community.

### **Joshua Eiger**

### Ohev Shalom/Marlboro JC, Marlboro



Joshua Eiger's family has been part of Marlboro Jewish Center for over 4 years. Since joining MJC, Josh has volunteered in the Hebrew school as a teacher's assistant and tutor, and lead junior congregation. Josh reads Megillah on Purim, Torah on the high holidays, and he leads Hallel during Succot and Passover. Josh also leads the high holiday family services along with his fellow honorees.

Josh is extremely devoted to United Synagogue Youth. He has held chapter and regional positions since his sophomore year. Currently, Josh is USY's International Vice President for Social Action and Tikun Olam. During his term as International SA/TO,

Josh was responsible for passing an amendment to USY's constitution which made the allocations of charitable funds more transparent. This amendment gives USY members more input as to where to \$100,000 in Tikun Olam funds is allocated each year.

Josh looks forward to continuing his dedication to Judaism, and in particular the Conservative movement, in college. Josh wishes Cory Fox and Jason Sherman Mazel Tov, and is humbled to be receiving this honor with them.

### **Richard Kurland**





Richard is married to Ilene for more the 40 years and lives in Montville. His passion is being with family and friends, his son Steven, daughter Sheri and son in-law John. Yet Richard says "being with Grandsons Joey and Louie are truly the icing on my cake of life".

He is currently the CEO of Handy Store Fixtures, a nationally recognized manufacture of store displays and equipment used in retail locations nationwide.

As a true volunteer Richard has been a long time member of his synagogue. Since moving to Montville 32 years ago.serving Pine Brook Jewish Center as a current Board Member for more than 25 years and holding a multitude of positions including a multi year stint as its President. Richard is always involved, and currently is

on the Advisory Board of the New Jersey Manufacturers Association, the Montville Township Economic Development Committee and a Vice President of Patriots Path Council, Boy Scouts of America, serving many years as an Executive Board Member. Richard is a proud Eagle Scout and an Eagle Scout Dad, having earned

the Boy Scout Shofar Award, along with the Councils highest awards, the Silver Beaver and has been inducted into the Council, Eagle Scout Hall of Fame.

Richard is proud to accept his Men's Clubs Honor this Year as the recipient of its Man of the Year.

### Randi Deitz

### Pine Brook Jewish Center, Montville

Randi Deitz is a senior at Montville Township High School. She plans to study Early Childhood Education at college next fall. Randi has maintained an active role at Pine Brook Jewish Center since graduating from Religious School in 2013. She has volunteered in the Gan class every Sunday morning for the past five years. She helps the children learn songs, complete art projects, and participate in all Sunday School activities. Randi, as well, has read a Torah portion each Rosh Hashana since her Bat Mitzvah. At Montville Township High School, Randi has held the position as Make-A-Wish Co-President for the past two years, organizing and leading meetings and fundraisers. She feels tremendous pride in helping others. Randi is honored to be this year's Youth of the Year for Pine Brook Jewish Center..



### **Rob Baron**

### Shomrei Torah, Wayne Cons., Wayne

Rob Baron is excited to be honored this year as Shomrei Torah's Man of the Year. Rob has been a tireless volunteer in Shomrei Torah's Men's Club for many years.

One of Rob's favorite memories from Hebrew School is the Purim Carnival. Now in his 12th year as chairman of the Men's Club Purim Carnival, Rob strives to add new games and improve the quality of the prizes each year. In addition to his work on the Purim Carnival, Rob is an officer of the Men's Club, sits on the shul's Board of Trustees, serves on the Personnel Committee and was a member of the Strategic Leadership Initiative team where he helped to develop a long term strategic plan for the shul.

Rob was born and raised in Brooklyn NY. He is a graduate of the University of Florida. Rob moved to New Jersey when he started his first position for a pension

consulting firm in Fort Lee. He is now a senior consultant for USI Consulting Group in New York City, where he works on the design of retirement programs for partnerships, corporations, and non-profit organizations.

While Rob enjoys working on programs for Shomrei Torah, he most enjoys spending time with his family - his wife Susan and their two children. Danielle is a program coordinator for the Hillel at University of Western Ontario, and Evan is a fourth year medical student at Jefferson Medical College. Both are avid skiers and the entire family enjoys playing tennis.

The Men's Club extends hearty congratulations to Rob on this well deserved honor...

### **Paul Peyser**



### **Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael, Springfield**

Paul grew up in Hillside, NJ, where his parents were very involved in the Jewish community and were instrumental in founding Temple Shomrei Torah (Z"L). As a teenager Paul was active in USY, and over several summers attended the USY/Ramah camp (also Z"L) in Glen Spey, NY . Fellow attendees included Hollywood personalities Bruce Vilanch and Mandy Patinkin, both of whom to this day will strenuously deny remembering Paul from that time.

Paul and his wife, Diane, moved to Springfield in 1985, and joined TBAY soon after. Becoming active in Temple life, Paul served on several committees, joined the Board of Directors, and inexplicably found himself President from 1998-2000. Diane and son Alex became B'nai Mitzvah at

TBAY in 2000, with son Noah following in 2002.

Paul worked as an actuary for New York Life Insurance for thirty-nine years, first in NYC and later in Parsippany. After retiring in 2012, he decided to again become active in TBAY and Men's Club. Paul has been Men's Club Treasurer for the past two years, and has instituted several enhancements, including accepting no-fee dues and donations through the PayPal Giving Fund (see Paul for details).

A self-described lyric baritone, Paul valiantly attempts to sing tenor in the TBAY High Holy Day Choir. Paul is often called upon to chant a weekly haftarah (as a baritone!), and on Tisha B'Av often chants Eicha, first learned at USY camp many years ago. Paul also serves on TBAY's Caring Committee, providing transportation to doctor appointments and to Shabbat services for those congregants in need of a ride. And Paul has played on the Men's Club softball team for the past 25 years or more.

Outside of temple, Paul is the Union County Coordinator for AARP's Tax-Aide volunteer program, which provides free tax return preparation for low and moderate income residents. He is a philatelist (U.S. and Canada), an ailurophile (Snickers and Sneakers), a recreational cyclist (slow but steady), and a rated Scrabble player (1324).

Congratulations to Lexie on being named our Youth of the Year! And thanks to all for supporting TBAY's Men's Club and the NNJR.

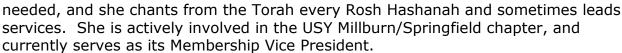
### **Alexis Brooks**

### **Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael, Springfield**

Alexis Brooks (Lexie) is an 11th grade student at Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield, where she is a Peer Leader for the school and on the board of Future Business Leaders of America.

She and her family have been members of Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael since her baby naming in 2001. Lexie went through the pre-school program at TBAY, was a regular attendee at services throughout her young life, and became a Bat Mitzvah at TBAY in 2014, as well as in Israel, where many of her relatives live.

Lexie is a Madrichah for the TBAY Religious School, where she assists in office duties and other tasks as



Lexie attended Camp Harmony in Warren for 10 years, serving as a Counselor in Training in 2015 and 2016. This past summer she also attended USY encampment.

Along with her siblings, Lexie was recently honored by Jewish Family Service of Central New Jersey (JFS) with the Volunteer of the Year award for her involvement in helping to deliver food pantry items to those in need, as well as the stocking of food pantry shelves.

Lexie has spent significant time in Israel on three occasions and has traveled extensively in general, including a recent two-week volunteer program in Guatemala helping to teach children, paint their school, and visit other areas of the country.

A competitive gymnast for many years, Lexie serves as the captain of her high school team and is actively involved at the Indigo Gymnastics Center in New Providence, both as a team member and an assistant for children's parties.

Lexie has a thirteen-year-old brother Noam and a nine-year-old sister named Talya. Lexie's parents, Lesley and David Brooks, have been members of TBAY since 2001, and Lesley currently serves as Co-President of the Board of Directors. The Brooks Family recently welcomed another teenager, Rachele, who is a seventeen-year-old exchange student from Italy, living with the family for the current school year.



### **Lonnie Hirsch**

### **Temple Beth Shalom, Livingston**



I was born in Sambor, Poland. My official birthday is Feb. 20, 1945. When I was born our town had already been taken by the Russians. My parents and the rest of my family managed to survive by living in the fields and forests surrounding the town about a year to year and a half with the help of some of the Poles who new them before the war. I say official birthday because my mother made me a few months younger in order to get more milk for me as milk was rationed at the time. My family then escaped from communist Poland later in 1945 into Austria. From Austria we were sent to D.P. camp near a small town in Germany called Bad Reichenhall. My earliest memories are in that D.P. camp. After a while we moved into the town itself. In 1950 we went by ship to the US. The H.I.A.S (Hebrew

Immigrant Aid Society sent us to live in Oklahoma City. One of my uncles was sent to Houston, TX. and another was already in NYC. After a while we left for NYC. I couldn't take the heat. I became sick and the doctors advised my parents to go North. We lived in the So. Bronx in the early 50's when it was still a nice place. My father and uncle bought a grocery store in Jersey City so we moved there when I was in third grade. I went to school at the Yeshiva of Hudson County in Union City till the 8th grade. I believe it morphed into the Yeshiva of North Jersey and is now located in Bergen County. I was Bar Mitzva in the Grove St. Shul in Jersey City. I went to Lincoln High in Jersey City, class of '63. I attended Rutgers U. in New Brunswick class of '67 and graduated with a B.A. in economics. I then went to Seton Hall School of Law. class of '70. I worked for Legal Services in Bergen County and Newark for 8 years and opened up my own law office in 1979. On Dec. 7, 1980 I married my wife Shoshana and we have 3 children, Michael, Brian and Sheri. My youngest son Micheal was married this past Summer. We moved to Livingston from Teaneck in 1997, At the time my cousin Shimon Mordzinski was already living here and he belonged the Beth Shalom so we joined. I started going to Mens club meetings and liked what I saw. I liked the guys and enjoyed the activities and the rest is history.

All my kids went to Yeshiva. While living in Teaneck they went to Moriah Yeshiva. When sheri graduated 8th grade we moved to Livingston, my sons went to Kushner. Michael graduated 8th grade there and went to Livingston High. Brian graduated Kushner Yeshiva High School..

### **Craig Schwarz**

### Temple Beth-El/Mekor Chayim, Cranford

Craig Schwartz has been a lifelong member of Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim (TBEMC) and has lived his entire life in Cranford. From the earliest age he was educated at the temple, attending the nursery and religious schools before having his Bar Mitzvah here. He is honored to be the TBEMC Men's Club Man of the Year

Craig has been active in many aspects of the TBEMC Men's Club. He currently serves as co-president with Lance Kandl. They have been serving together since 2011. Craig also is an active participant in helping construct the temple's Sukkah, cooking at Men's Club dinners, Chairing the Veteran's Day brunch, helping with Men's Club Shabbat as well as bartending at various temple events.



Craig is also currently serving as Treasurer for the fourteenth consecutive year on the TBEMC Education Committee. In addition, he serves on the Board of Trustee for TBEMC. Previously, he served on TBEMC's Finance Committee, the Cantor / Education Director Search committee and the Nominating Committee. In the past, Craig helped perform several audits of the Temple's internal organizations as a member of the Audit Committee.

Craig has been married to his wife Rachel for the past twenty years. They have two beautiful children: sixteen-year-old Jessica and thirteen-year-old Joshua. Rachel serves on TBEMC's Board of Trustees after serving several years as the temple's Financial Secretary.

In 1993 he received a bachelor's degree in accounting from Rider University. He also earned a master's degree in taxation from Rutgers University. Craig is a Certified Public Accountant in both New Jersey and New York. He co-owns an accounting firm (Schwartz & Schwartz Public Accountants PA) in Clark with his father, who is also a TBEMC member.

### Max Kopla

### Temple Beth-El/Mekor Chayim, Cranford



Max Kopla is currently a Senior in Cranford High School. Growing up in TBEMC Max and his family have been members for 22 years. He began Nursery School in the temple at age 2. Max's earliest memory was in Nursery School performing in the Three Little Bears Play directed by Ms.Sydney. He was so excited as that was his first time on stage, but certainly not his last. Max went on to perform in Purim Shpiels as well as many School and Community Theatre productions.

Max's favorite annual occurances at the temple are the Megillah Reading and the Purim Carnival. Max remembers rolling around the Bima when the Green Traffic light went on to scream Haman's name and having fun at the Purim Carnival. He has grown into a participant for reading Megillah and as an active leader

in running the Purim Carnivals.

Max's volunteer work ranges from helping out in Religious School to assisting younger students. He is proud of his work with students who need extra attention to do their work and stay on task.

Max's committment to Judaism stems from his leadership roles in USY. In addition to socializing with friends in USY, Max has made great strides

in the Jewish community. He is most proud of serving on the Executive Regional Board as Israeli Affairs Vice President. Max is currently serving as President of the Cranford Chapter of USY.

In addition to participating in Musical Theate, Honor Choirs, AIPAC conferences and many leadership roles throughout USY, Max is looking forward to bringing fun particapatory shabbat services to our younger members of our community this year.

All of these achievements have a direct corelation to the support and education Max has recieved from his incredible family at TBEMC.

Max is in the process of applying to colleges. He first choice is to attend Syracuse University in order to gain a degree in International Relations and Economics with a concentraion in Arabic.

### **David Gleaner**

### Temple B'nai Shalom, West Orange

David is honored to be chosen as Bnai Shalom's 2017 Men's Club Man of the Year. He and his wife Leslie joined Bnai Shalom when moving to West Orange in 1994 with a 3 year old boy and infant girl. Their family grew with the birth of another boy, and their roots with the other young families at the shul grew to be an important part of their life. Leslie has served as the Program Coordinator for many years and together with the programs Men's Club has started makes Bnai Shalom the vibrant congregation that it is today. David is especially proud of our Men's Club activities including "Dress for Success" clothes donation, Men's Health Seminars and Men's Club Shabbat and cholent cook off. None of these activities could have been successful without the help of our great membership. When not



involved with the shul (which is not very often), David spends time in Bayonne, NJ where he has been a private practice general Dentist since 1987. David also wants to congratulate Aviva Kamens, Bnai Shalom's Youth of the year, who was instrumental in building our USY and other youth programs.

### **Aviva Kamens**

### Temple B'nai Shalom, West Orange

Aviva Kamens is a recent graduate of Golda Och Academy in West Orange, where she served as a sixth grade Tefilla mentor and worked on the school newspaper as a writer and as Arts and Entertainment Editor. Aviva was deeply involved in the performing arts at Golda Och; she sang in the High School Choir and acted or crewed numerous theater productions.

A "Ramahnik for life", Aviva has attended Camp Ramah in the Berkshires for 10 years. She was a camper from 2008-2015, traveled to Poland and Israel with Ramah Seminar in 2016, and served as a Cochavim (fourth grade) counselor in 2017. She currently is a member of



CRB's "Livnot" leadership development program, and hopes to attend the Bert B. Weinstein Institute for Staff Training in January.

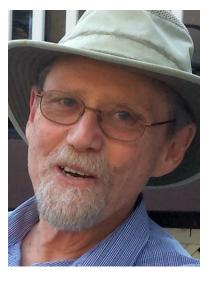
Aviva was also an active member of USY and a regional and international leader. She served on the board of her USY chapters in both Highland Park and West Orange, was the Hagalil Region chair of the Abraham Joshua Heschel honor society, and was elected regional Religion/Education Vice President in her senior year. Aviva attended three USY International Conventions and was a fellow in the International USY Torah Bytes study program.

Aviva is currently a first-year student at the Jewish Theological Seminary's List College Joint program with Columbia University, where she plans to major in Theater and Bible.

Aviva is honored to be the first ever recipient of the Youth of the Year award from B'nai Shalom. We look forward to seeing what the future has in store for her.

### Joe Landau





Joe Landau and his wife Susan have lived in Ridgewood, New Jersey since 1980. Those years were spent raising two wonderful children, Jenny and Michael, who now reside in Albuquerque and New York, respectively. He is grandfather to Gideon Carver Landau, Noa Landau, Ella Landau and August Wagner Landau. The Landau family has maintained its affiliation with Temple Israel for 25 years, making wonderful lifelong friendships and enjoying spirited companionship in this diverse and eclectic temple community.

Joe was born in a German Displaced Persons camp after the war and, as a four year old, immigrated with his family to New York, spending most of his youth in the Bronx. He went to CCNY where he met and fell in love with his future wife, Susan Freed. Both spent their early

years together as educators. Susan taught at the Dalton School, while Joe taught science at Junior High Schools in Harlem and the Bronx and did his post graduate work at NYU's School of Public Administration. He spent his early career working at an engineering firm writing Environmental Impact Reviews, then moved to the public sector, advising on transportation and economic policy initiatives for County government and leading NYC's watershed regulatory and planning programs for the Department of Environmental Protection. Later in his career, he was asked to manage the agency's programmatic response to Y2K and became Director of Information Technology spending the rest of his career in Systems planning, until his retirement.

Between frequent visits to grandkids (and racking up frequent flier miles), he now bikes, plays with power tools and continues to offer unsolicited free advice to anyone within earshot. With the burden of retirement weighing heavily on his daily routine, he became an active participant in Temple events and offered his services to the technology committee... maintaining the web site and developing a solicitation for new web services. His participation in Brandeis Men's Club events earned him a spot as BMC president which he happily shared with David Millman for two years. He found time to execute the duties of the Brandeis Men's Club, although it interfered with his sauna/steam routine. As men's club president he was happy to take on an ethos of "spend more than you have" and as a member of the Temple Board undertook the management of a federal grant application to enhance facility security. The grant was finally awarded in September of this year. As a longtime member of the Brandeis Men's Club, he's now happy to devote more time supporting the community activities and spiritual life programs that he was a beneficiary of in the past.

### **Robert Bakal**

### **Temple Israel BMC, Ridgewood**

Robert is honored to have been chosen as Temple Israel & JCC's YOY. Temple Israel has been a second home for Robert for more than eight years where he has volunteered in many capacities, including as a High Holiday Program Leader and member of the choir. With a love of music, Robert enjoys leyning Torah, and as a junior at Northern Highlands Regional High School, he is also a tenor in the Concert Choir and Highlands Harmonics, an acapella group.

In June 2015, Robert completed his Eagle Scout project at Temple Israel, cleaning, painting and building wooden lofts that doubled the space in the storage room. Throughout his project, members of the Brandeis Men's Club offered advice and financial support to Robert and his project, working together to improve the use of the room.



Robert is active in Upper Saddle River Boy Scout Troop 133, having just completed his tenure as Senior Patrol Leader. Robert was elected to join the Order of the Arrow, Boy Scout's National Honor Society, in 2016 and became a brotherhood member in 2017.

This past summer, Robert attended the Boy Scout National Jamboree in West Virginia where he joined with other scouts to set the Guinness World Record for the most dreidels spinning at one time, a project organized and coordinated by the National Jewish Committee on Scouting. Having previously earned the Ner Tamid Award, Robert is currently working on the Etz Chaim Award, the highest award offered by the NJCOS.

Co-President of the FLIPPER USY Chapter, Robert previously served as Freshman Representative and VP-Communications. Robert is also a member of the Hagalil Regional General Board, serving on the Communications Committee, specializing in digital technology. Last year Robert developed and maintained the FLIPPER USY website which was awarded Hagalil's Best Chapter Website Award. Robert also traveled with USY on Wheels in the summer of 2016 and attended International Convention in Dallas later that year.

Robert has been selected to travel to Israel in December 2017 with JFNNJ's Young Leadership Program. As part of JFNNJ's leadership class last year, Robert joined with Israeli students from Nahariya and met with the Israeli Ambassador to the United Nations and the leadership team at Federation in NYC. Those Israeli students will join the U.S. Leadership Delegation in Israel as they continue to learn about the Israeli government..

### Mazel tov Denis Vogel Man of the Year!

We are so proud to honor you for your commitment to the community.

We are blessed to have you as a friend, and look forward to seeing you back on a bike at the next Wheels-for-Meals Ride to Fight Hunger.





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#### Congratulations to



# Denis Vogel

2017 Regional MOY of



In the words of Bruce Springsteen:

Baby, you were born to pun!

From the guys at:







#### The world stands on three pillars: Torah, worship and acts of lovingkindness

- Pirke Avot 1:2

#### Eric and Fern Weis congratulate

#### **Denis Vogel**



Northern New Jersey Regional Man of the Year

#### ON HIS WELL DESERVED HONOR

# YASHER KOACH!

Denis, you "electrify" all of us with your energy and dedication to Jewish life. For all of your years of longstanding service to NNJR, to FJMC, and to Temple Israel and the Ridgewood community, may you go from strength to strength!

# With great powder comes great responsibility...



Ski Wisely!

#### Mazel Tov Denis on this Well-Deserved Honor!

With love,
The Bakal, Gluck, Heit
and Vandalovsky Families

#### Well, Well Denis Fell in the Well

#### Congratulations to Denis Vogel

On Being Named

# NNJ FJMC REGIONAL MAN OF THE YEAR



Your Kaputznik Brothers

#### **Mazel Tov**

#### to all the NNJ Men and Youth of the Year, and our Regional Man of the Year,

**Denis Vogel!** 

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



Purchase these Yellow Candles and distribute them to your members and all others as a remembrance of the Shoah.

For information call: 800-391-7293 (after 9am MST) or e-mail: info@vellowcandles.org

Proud to be your partner in Israel!

Mr. Ariel Israeli

Shraga Marketing & Candle Production holdings (2013) LTD Kiryat Tivon, Israel

#### **Mazel Tov**

#### **Dennis Vogel**

# NNJR Regional Man of the Year May you continue to go from Strength to Strength

**The Schulman Family** 

#### Tom

Thank you for being My
"Man of the Year" for the past
54 yars!!

Congratulations on your honor tonight.

I am very proud of you and know you will continue to have success in all of your endevours.

Much Love,

Glo

#### Congratulations to our loving father and grandfather

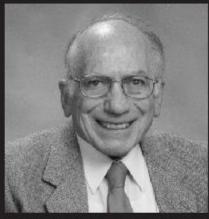
# **Thomas Golbert**

On this well-deserved honour

With love from

Bob, Zila, Matan and Danielle Golbert

# **OUR BEST TO OUR BEST**



THOMAS GOLDBERT •2017• MAN of the YEAR

JACQUELINE
HARRIS
•2017•
YOUTH of
the YEAR



ול לוב! From everyone at



# **MAZEL TOV**

TO

A Great Guy Who Never Says No

# **JOSH HENRY**

CAI MEN'S CLUB

MAN OF THE YEAR



The Taubenfeld Family

JOSH – THIS AWARD IS OVERDUE. YOU ARE THE BEST. ALL WE CAN DO IS ADD OUR OWN "THANK YOU" FOR YOUR MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE LIFE OF CONGREGATION AGUDATH ISRAEL. YOU ARE THE FIRST TO VOLUNTEER, AND YOU GIVE SO MUCH OF YOUR TIME SO GENEROUSLY. YOUR SHARING YOUR CHEF SKILLS AT SO MANY BARBECUES HAS NOT ONLY MADE FOR MANY DELICIOUS MEALS, BUT HELPED US BUILD TRUE COMMUNITY.

#### THE EISENBERGS

CONGRATULATIONS
TO JOSHUA HENRY

BROTHER, UNCLE & MAN
OF THE YEAR

With love and pride,
Ed, Marisa, Ronen and Barney Altabet

November 8, 2017

Josh,

We are so enormously proud of the caring young man you have become. Mazal Tov on this well deserved honor as Congregation Agudath Israel's Men's Club Man of the Year. May you continue the mitzvah of Tikkun Olam for many years to come.

With love,

Mom and Dad



Congratulates

Josh Henry
Our
Man Of The Year

Mazel tov!!!

#### Dear Josh,

# You have been our Man of the Year for MANY years!

We are so proud of you and so happy to be able to share your simcha tonight!

Mazal tov to you for all you are and all you do for so many people!

We love you!

Ilene and Jeffrey

# MAZEL TOV TO JOSH HENRY You Are The Best Love You,

Podells, Silversteins, Perls, Majzners, Labendzs, Fertels

#### **Mazel Tov**

# Josh Henry

We are so very proud of all that you do,

All that you have accomplished, And all that you have become. You inspire us every day!!

With much love,
Uncle Lee, Aunt Paula
David, Melissa, Geoffrey, Ben
Mo and Hank

# MAZEL TOV! TO "Man of the Year" JOSH HENRY

#### Love your Cousins, David and Melissa Shaiman



Congregation Beth Israel Men's Club 18 Shalom Way Scotch Plains, NJ 07076



President: David Labush 🌣 Treasurer: Joel Fisher

Congregation Beth Israel's Men's Club Congratulates

Adam Margolis, Bob Kuchner, Zach Labush

and

All the other Honorees



Congratulations to

#### Adam Margolis

CBI's Men's Club "Man of the Year"

from all of us at





Congregation Beth El

congratulates our

Man of the Year

Marty Hoffman

and

Youth of the year

Miriam Morris





#### **Mazal Toy!**

#### To JOSH OLIVER B'NAI TIKVAH'S MAN OF THE YEAR

JOSHUA SAFEER
B'nai Tikvah's Youth of the Year

With deep appreciation
For all that you do
For our community!
Congregation B'nai Tikvah
Board of Directors



#### Congregation B'nai Israel Men's Club Toms River

Wishes a Mazal Tov and Yasher Koach to:

#### Michael Perks

Man of the Year

#### Victoria Kaufman

Youth of the Year

For your commitment and the great work you do for the CBI community.

Congratulations!!



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# Mazel Tou!



Michael Perks

CBI Men's Club Man of the Year 2017



Victoria Kaufman

CBI Men's Club Youth of the Year 2017

In honor of

Corey Stalerman

On this well deserved honor

Susan and Jack Bender

#### **YASHER KOACH COREY**

FOR ALL YOU DO FOR CBJ, MAY YOUR QUIET LEADERSHIP CONTINUE TO GUDE BOTH THE CLUB AND CONGREGATION.

Sylvia & David Friedman

### MAZEL TOV AND YASHER KOACH

# Corey Stalerman

Man of the Year

For this well deserved honor

Congregation B'nai Jeshurun Men's Club

# Congratulations Cory Stalerman for being honored for all his hard work and service to Congregation B'nai Jershurun.

#### YASHER KOACH

#### **COREY STALERMAN**

With great appreciation for all you do for Congregation B'nai Jeshurun

#### Ruth and Iz Greenwald Arlene Rachman

#### To Steven Schneider:

Your devotion to our community is unparalleled and your impact has been immense.

#### To Danielle Stein:

It's been a delight to see you embrace USY and grow into a leader at Neve Shalom.

May you each go from strength to strength.

Stacey, Jonathan, Scott & Jennifer Greenberg

# Mazel Tov

**Neve Shalom's** 

Man of the Year

&

Youth of the Year

Steven Schneider &

Danielle Stein

'May you go from strength to strength'

**Kramer Industries** 



WE LOVE YOU
AND ARE PROUD
OF YOU!
YOU'RE OUR
MAN OF THE
YEAR TOO!!

YOUR YOUNGER BROTHERS, SCOTT AND DAVID

#### YASHER KOACH

# STEVE SCHNEIDER, NEVE SHALOM'S MORTY FIELDS MAN OF THE YEAR

AND

DANIELLE STEIN, NEVE SHALOM'S YOUTH OF THE YEAR

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION, OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP, AND SERVICE TO NEVE SHALOM AND THE ENTIRE JEWISH COMMUNITY

SANDRA FIELDS AND JULIUS FEINSON

#### Danielle Stein

Mazel Tov on being honored as "Youth of the Year"

It has been our pleasure to watch you grow into the fine young woman you are today. You make us so proud and are a true inspiration to all. We hope you use this platform to lead your peers and yourself into a better place to live. We know you will be successful in anything and everything you set your mind to achieve. We love you very much!

Mom, Dad and Ilana

# Congratulations and always all our best to our dearest friends

Danielle and Steve

Love Aimee and Ken

#### **KOL HAKAVOD TO:**

#### STEVEN SCHNEIDER

Thank you for your leadership, vision, creativity and your selfless dedication to

Neve Shalom and our Men's Club!

#### **AND**

#### **DANIELLE STEIN**

Thank you for your energy and passion in making our USY such a great success!

May you both go from strength to strength!

With deep gratitude, Andrea & Michael Colby



Mazel Tov to Our Friends - Neve Shalom's

Man of the Year and Youth of the Year -

#### Steven Schneider and Danielle Stein

"Do justice, love loving kindness, and walk humbly with your God."

-Micah 6:8

Mark and Christina Daniels and Family



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NEVE SHALOM'S 2017 MORTY FIELDS MAN OF THE YEAR

#### STEVEN SCHNEIDER

&

2017 YOUTH OF THE YEAR

#### DANIELLE STEIN

# YOUR LEADERSHIP & DEVOTION ARE AN INSPIRATION TO ALL

THE KIBEL FAMILY
THE HIRSCH FAMILY
THE SESSLER FAMILY
THE WERBEL FAMILY



## The Neve Shalom Men's Club



Honors

# Steve Schneider

As its 2017
Morty Fields
Man of the Year

You are an example for the rest of us who have had the honor of working with you over the years.

May you continue to go from Strength to Strength.



### The Neve Shalom Men's Club



#### Honors

# Steve Schneider





You are an example for the rest of us who have had the honor of drinking with you over the years.

May you continue to go from bottle to bottle.





# Congregation Neve Shalom Honors our 2017 Man of the Year / Youth of the Year



Danielle Stein Youth of the Year



Steve Schneider Morty Fields Memorial Man of the year

Both of you are extremely deserving of these honors.

Kol HaKavod

Congregation Neve Shalom

Neve Shalom Board of Directors

#### **KOL HaKovod to:**

Steven Schneider and Danielle Stein of Neve Shalom

Carey Glass and Michelle Rothberg of Highland Park

MAY YOU GO FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

Mazel Tov
Danielle Stein and Steve Schneider
Thank you for all that you do for Neve
Shalom
K'ol HaKavod
Rabbi Eric Rosin & Jen

## A well-earned honor Your Men's Club and Synagogue efforts, dedication and contributions are much appreciated! The Schlitts

## STEVE AND DANIELLE WE ARE PROUD TO HAVE YOU REPRESENT NEVE SHALOM!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP!

STUART AND NANCY SHLOSSMAN

## MAZEL TOV TO NEVE SHALOM

# MAN OF THE YEAR STEVE SCHNEIDER & YOUTH OF THE YEAR DANIELLE STEIN

#### DAVE AND MARCIA YELLIN

#### !!!מזל טוב!!!מזל טוב!!!מזל טוב !!!מזל טוב!!!!

With great pride and affection, we pay tribute to

#### Steve Schneider and Danielle Stein

Who offer clear evidence of what it means to be a leader and part of One Community,



and in unique Neve Shalom at that!

Eliot and Barbara Spack

!!!מזל טוב!!!מזל טוב!!!מזל טוב !!!מזל טוב!!! מזל טוב !!!

#### Steven,

We are so proud of the man you have become and of all you have accomplished.

You are an inspiration to all.



With our love,

Mom and Dad

(aka Cory & Stan Schneider)

## כל הכבוד

#### **Steve Schneider**

Neve Shalom's Morty Fields Man of the Year

In recognition of your hard work and dedication to our Men's Club and the Jewish community.

#### **Danielle Stein**

Neve Shalom's Youth of the year

In acknowledgement of everything you have done for our community as well as in anticipation of your future as a leader in the Jewish community.

May you both go from Strength to Strength

Jody and Stu Mantel

#### It is our great pleasure to honor

Steve Schneider
Morty Fields Man of the Year
&
Danielle Stein

Youth of the Year

Your commitment to Neve Shalom makes our One Community a reality.

Elyse, Jeff, Haley and Whitney



#### WE HAVE NEVER BEEN SO PROUD OF YOU

#### DANIELLE!

## FROM YOUR FRIENDS WHO HAVE BEEN BY YOUR SIDE SINCE THE BEGINNING OF TIME

LOVE YOU ALWAYS.

ALLIE, ARIELLA, CHERYL, SOPHIE AND FAMILIES





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

#### Alan Ferrer

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

Yasher Koach to Ari Alter for being honored as NJJR Youth of the Year.

Many thanks for Leyning, leading services, and organizing religious and educational services for USY.

Lots of love and hope for the future.

From:
Barbara and Dov Pollak
Judi and David Oshinsky



#### EAST BRUNSWICK JEWISH CENTER MEN'S CLUB

#### **ALAN FERRER**

2017 MAN OF THE YEAR

#### **ARI ALTER**

2017 YOUTH OF THE YEAR

THANK YOU FOR YOUR

DEDICATION, HARD-WORK AND

SELF-SACRIFICING EFFORTS

YASHER KOACH

#### Yasher Koach to our EBJC friends

## Alan Ferrer

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

### Ari Alter

on being named EBJC Men's Club's Youth of the Year.

We sincerely appreciate all you do for our East Brunswick community.

Sheldon Horowitz and Arthur Fliegelman

Co-Presidents, EBJC Men's Club



East Brunswick Jewish Center Men's Club

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## Congratulations to

## **Alan Ferrer**

EBJC Man of the Year

and

## Ari Alter

EBJC Youth of the Year

Well Deserved from the Foladare Family!

#### Mazel Tov & Yasher Koach

#### Alan Ferrer

EBJC Men's Club Man of the Year

A Quiet Volunteer (Until he chants a Haftorah!)

#### Ari Alter

EBJC Men's Club Youth of the Year
Our "Son" from East Brunswick to Jerusalem!

We are proud of both of you!

David & Margot Julis

## Yasher Koach and Mazel Tov!

To EBJC's Man of the Year

## Alan Ferrer

And to EBJC's Youth of the Year

## Ari Alter

You all both EBJC a better place.

May you go from strength to strength!

Howard and Cindi Jacobs



Mazel 7ov & Yasher Koach

to

Alan Ferrer EBJC Man of the Year

Ari Alter EBJC Youth of the Year

Your devotion to our community is evident in all that you do!

The Sisterhood of East Brunswick Jewish Center



## ALAN FERRER OUR MEN'S CLUB MAN OF THE YEAR

AND

## ARI ALTER OUR MEN'S CLUB YOUTH OF THE YEAR

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO OUR SYNAGOGUE, OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR MEN'S CLUB

#### YASHER KOACH

**EBJC Board of Directors** 

#### **Mazel Tov**

and

#### **Kol Hakavod**

To

The East Brunswick Jewish Center Honorees

#### **Alan Ferrer**

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

#### **Ari Alter**

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

**EBJC Mitzvah Corps** 

#### Ari Alter

#### Kol Hakavod

#### Our Youth of the Year from

East Brunswick Jewish Center

You do so much for your Jewish Community, and for your family.

We are unbelievably proud of you.

Hazak, Hazak, V'nithazek

May you go from your great strengths to even more successes.

We love you!

Mom & Dad (Sara and Scott)

Zahava & Abe

Aliza & Eric

Hirsch & Neta

Grandma Barbara & Grandma Sally

# You are what you do, not what you say you'll do.

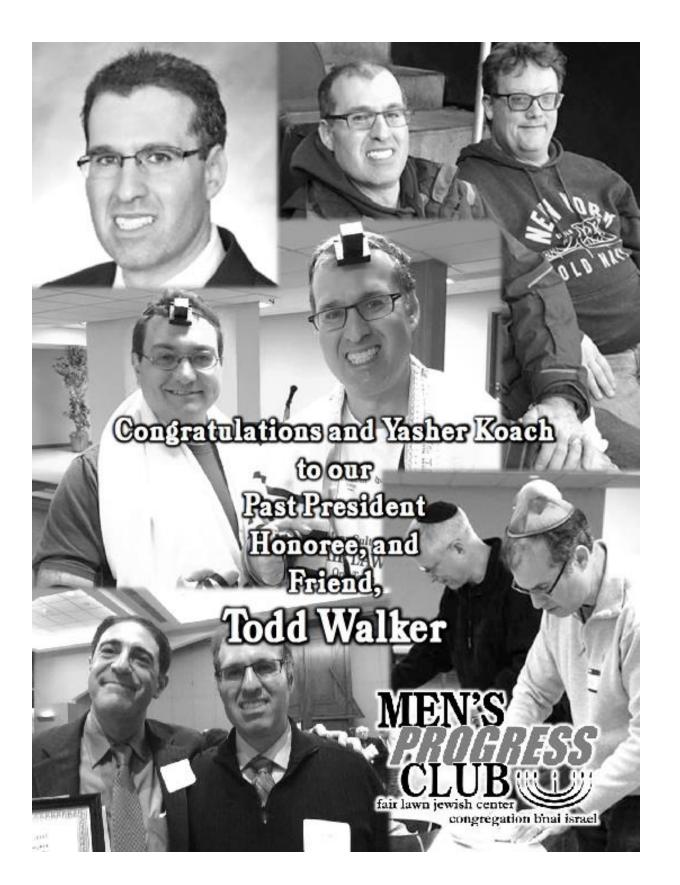
Thank you for not just saying, but doing!

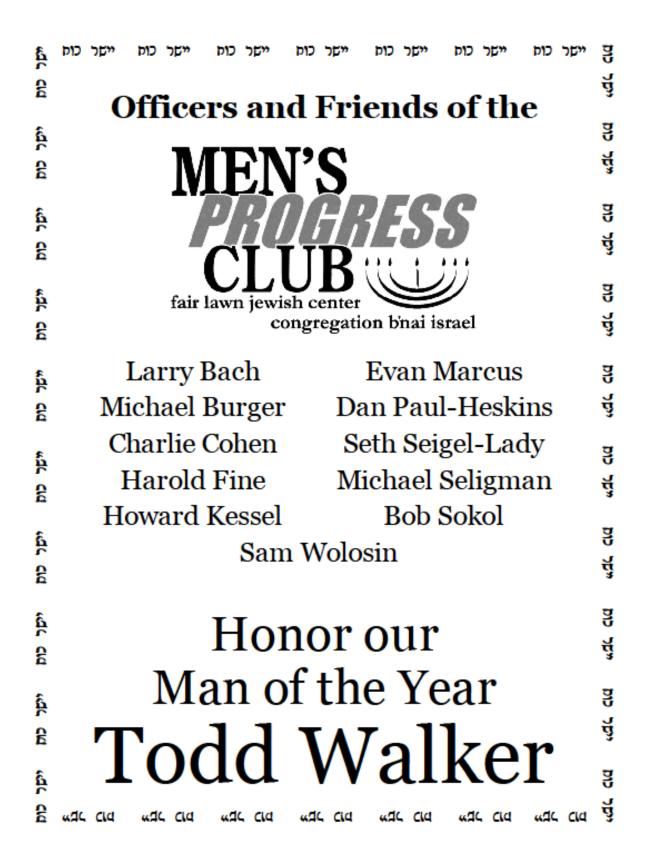
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EBJC Man of the Year: Alan Ferrer

EBJC Youth of the Year: Ari Alter

Lois & Dave Mandell





#### מזל טוב!

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

proudly congratulates

#### **Carey Glass**

as our deserving recipient of the 2017 "Man of the Year" Award,

and

#### Michelle Rothberg

as our honored "Youth of the Year"!

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

Yasher Ko-cha-chem!

It is our pleasure to say Mazal Tov and Yasher Ko-ach to

#### **Carey Glass**

Highland Park Conservative Temple - Congregation Anshe Emeth's

"Man of the Year"

Our past recipients of this distinguished award:

Larry Klioze (2016) Craig Artel (2015), Sam Kamens 2014), Jerry Langer (2013), Ray Sabin (2012), Marc Weinstein (2011), Jay Culang (2010), Skip Rogers (2009), Milton Frant z"I (2008), Phil Rabinowitz (2007), Fred Shaffer (2006), Steve Lerner (2005), Barry Mael (2004), Jerry Trub (2000), and Al Davis (Beth O'r/Beth Torah MOY, NNJR MOY 2007 and FJMC Ma'asim Tovim 2007)

Welcome him to:

"The Club within the Club"!

Congratulations to **Carey Glass** On being named **HDCT-CAF Men's Club** Man of the Year And to Michelle Rothberg On being named **HDCT-CAE Men's Club** Youth of the Year Mazel toy! Brenda & Roy Tanzman

### **Congratulations Jeff**

We are so proud of your accomplishments and being honored as Man Of The Year.



You are a strong leader with a dedication and tireless commitment to MJC and the Jewish community.

You are always our Man Of The Year!

We love you! Iris, Marissa, and Seth

## Congratulations **Cory**, **Jason**, **and Josh**, on this well deserved honor.

Enjoy your special night.

Thank you for your dedication to USY and for the many memories we have shared.



Love, Marissa and Seth

Congratulations to Jeff Katz, Josh Eiger, Cory Fox, and Jason Sherman.

A well-deserved honor to you Jeff - you have done so much for Marlboro Jewish Center, especially as a fine President.

Josh, Cory & Jason - you are the promise of the future. Just continue your devotion to Jewish Life and you will succeed in all your life endeavors.

Phoebe Irene Dichner



#### Marlboro Jewish Center

Congregation Ohev Shalom 103 School Road West Marlboro, N.J. 07746 (732) 536-2300 Fax: (732) 536-0707

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

#### **JEFF KATZ**

#### TO THE "CLUB"

#### ישר כח and מזל טוב

To Jeff Katz for his many years of dedication to Marlboro Jewish Center Men's Club as well Marlboro Jewish Center as our Past President

Lance Adelson
Elliott Brown
Alan Greenberg
Wayne Kaufman
Steve Landau
Howard Shafran
Steve Solomon
Len Whitman

Eric Bonett
Michael Danziger
Larry Josephs
Rob Klepner
Paul Nebb
Allan Solomon
Robert Waldman

## Cory J. Fox

"A Mensch is a person of integrity and honor."

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

"How wonderful is it that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." – Anne Frank

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

With much Love and Naches, Mom, Dad, Evan, Grandma and Grandpop

## Congratulations to the Lonorees

Man of the Year Jeff Katz

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Jouth of the Year
Josh Eiger
Cory Fox
Jason Sherman

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Barry & Iris Lurie



MACK-MORRIS IRIS LURIE INC

#### MAZEL TOV TO MARLBORO JEWISH CENTER'S YOUTHS OF THE YEAR:

#### JASON SHERMAN CORY FOX JOSH EIGER

Your contributions to our Synagogue and Youth Group have been exemplary!

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#### Mazel Toy to our Man of the Year:

#### JEFF KATZ

Your contributions and tireless devotion to making our Synagogue a special place is sincerely appreciated!



#### Kudos to the hard working Men of Temple Israel (Ridgewood)

Sincerely,
Alex, Laura, Raquelle and Max Rothschild

#### Congratulations

To

JEFF KATZ

**AND** 

## JOSH EIGER CORY FOX JASON SHERMAN

**OF** 

## MaRLBORO JEWISH CENTER

## AND TO ALL THE OTHER HONOREES TONIGHT

from your friends at

Drucker, Math & Whitman, P.C. EAST Brunswick, n.j.

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#### **Proud Of Our Honorees!**

#### Man of the Year JEFF KATZ

Youths of the Year
JOSH EIGER
CORY FOX
JASON SHERMAN

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## Mazel Tov to Randi Deitz on this Well-deserved recognition

#### YOUTH OF THE YEAR

May you continue to go from strength to strength! Love,

Mary Sheydwasser, Educational Director

#### **Our Most Sincere Congratulations To:**

## Richard Kurland

PBJC 2017-2018 Man-of-the-Year

#### **Welcome to Our Elite Group!**

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

Jonathan Cohen **Howard Chesler** Ray Feldman Paul Fenton Glenn Fox Mickey Gilbert Mitchell Goldstein Steve Gothelf Rob Greenfield Gary Messinger Mary Kaufman Jerry Oppenberg Mark Roffman Don Rosenthal Glenn Rothman Alan Rothberg Joe Sabet Charlie Stein Jeffrey Weiss **Barry Weinreb** Jack Wenarsky

#### **CONGRATULATIONS TO**

#### RICHARD KURLAND

#### PBJC MEN'S CLUB MAN OF THE YEAR 2017

&

#### **RANDI DEITZ**

#### PBJC MEN'S CLUB YOUTH OF THE YEAR

YOUR COMMITMENT OF TIME TO PINE BROOK JEWISH CENTER AND YOUR DEDICATION TO MAKING PBJC A BETTER SYNAGOGUE FOR OUR MEMBERS AND OUR STUDENTS IS LAUDED

#### THE PBJC PAST PRESIDENTS JOIN IN SHOUTING A HEARTY

#### **YASHER KOACH**

KAREN ADELMAN
HOWARD CHESLER
JONATHAN COHEN
RAY FELDMAN
RANDEE FOX
GLENN FOX
DALE GREENFIELD
MITCH GOLDSTEIN

BOB KANARICK
JERRY OPPENBERG
MARK ROFFMAN
ALAN ROTHBERG
JORY SCHLENGER
LEN WALLACH
BARRY WEINREB
PHIL ZWICK

It is our pleasure to be counted among those honoring Rob Baron,

A man whose generous humble nature
Is equaled by his loyalty, hard work and
commitment.

כל הכבוד

Our very best wishes and congratulations,

Beth and Ed Julie

A great cigar: \$50 A bottle of fine scotch: \$150 A quality set of golf clubs: \$1,500 Rob Baron: *Priceless!* 

Eric & Fern Weis salute

#### Rob Baron

2017 Shomrei Torah "MOY" and Purim King!

Yasher Koach, Rob!

## MAZEL TOV to Temple Shomrei Torah's Marvelous Man of the Year!

## ROBERT BARON A Great Achievement By a Great Guy!

Way to go Bro! Love, Joanna, Bill and,Sheryl

#### For the Man of the Year

So few people have been there to be a part of our little group as we grew up from a bunch of little brats into a slightly taller group of little brats. You've known us since we were young kids just starting out in school and were there to not only watch us grow, but help shape us into the people we would become as adults. Since meeting the first of us in kindergarten enrichment, and adding a couple more to the gang as Evan entered each new walk of life, you quickly became a part of our childhood.

Each birthday party spent at the Bowfel Court pool, always ending with ping pong filled sleepovers in the basement, are memories each of us will hold onto forever. Every winter spent up at Mountain Creek, where many of us learned to get comfortable on our skis and snowboards, would not have been possible had you and Susan not been there for us.

But maybe our favorite past time is our annual Christmas morning football games. Since our first game at just 8 years old we are still yet to miss a single year. You were there to support a bunch of little kids as we tried and failed to catch a football, all while we were so positive that our dads weren't possibly letting us win. As each year passes, and our roster has begun to thin out, you have stuck with the game, and stuck with each of us, and we know we can always to count on you to be there that morning, and every morning, for each of us.

Rob, you've been our man of the year every year since we were little, and nobody deserves this more than you.

Love,

The Wayne Boys,

Josh, Ben, Andrew, Nishant, Rob, Shawn, Ryan, Todd, Jon, and Aaron

(And Our Dads!)

# MAZEL TOV TO OUR BROTHER and UNCLE ROBERT BARON TODAY YOU ARE A MAN (OF THE YEAR)

From Your Loving Family,
Cynthia & Ken, Bill, Joanna & Sheryl,
Nikki, James & Sylvie
Reid, Happy, Matthew, Ryan & Noah,



#### With deep appreciation to Rob Baron Men's Club Man of the Year 2017

We commend Rob for his contribution and service to Shomrei Torah.

Mazel Tov on a much deserved honor

Shomrei Torah~

Executive Board Board of Trustees Rabbi Randall Mark

### ALEXIS,

#### CONGRATULATIONS

ON

GREAT

**WORK!** 

NANA AND PAPA



# MAZAL TOV





Yasher Koach to Paul Peyser and Lexie Brooks

May you go from strength to strength

Women's League of Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael Springfield, NJ



# Congratulations to Paul on being honored as the 2017 Man of the Year.



**Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael Choir** 

Mazal Tov to TBAY Men's Club Man of the Year, Paul Peyser, and to the other regional Men of the Year and Youth of the Year honorees. Yasher Koach.

And to our daughter, Lexie Brooks, the TBAY Youth of the Year: We are so proud of all your accomplishments in life, the manner in which you handle your many endeavors, and the commitment you show to your Jewish community. We love you always.

The rest of The Brooks Family Lesley, David, Noam, Talya, and Rachele

We Salute Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael Honorees

#### Paul Peyser Men's Club Man of the Year

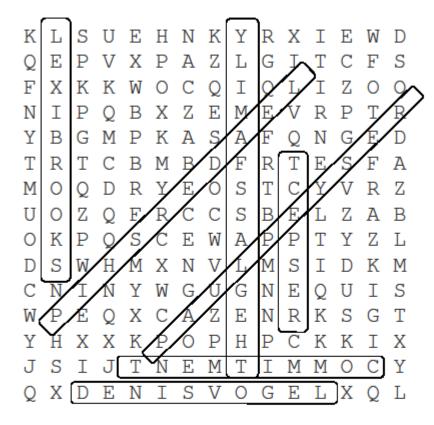
# Lexie Brooks Youth of the Year

On This Well Deserved Recognition

Congratulations!

Lois & Stan Kaish

#### Search & Find Great Leadership



With our sincere **RESPECT** and appreciation for your **COMMITMENT** and **LEADERSHIP**.

DENIS VOGEL PAUL PEYSER LEXI BROOKS

With love,
THE GLASS FAMILY
David, Lisa, Carolyn and Jonah

Mazal Tov to our amazing granddaughter, Lexie Brooks, on a well-deserved honor.

With love,
Cookie and Adinka

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

# Craig Schwartz Man of the Year 2017/5778

We are so proud of your many achievements and years of dedicated service to the Men's Club, our community, and our Synagogue. We appreciate your leadership as Co-President.

### Max Kopla-Youth of the Year

This is a well-deserved honor. Max is currently President of our USY chapter.

You are both truly an inspiration to all of us.

#### **Mazel Tov!**

Lance Kandl, Irwin Rappaport, Harry Einhorn, Phil Stein, Michael Scher, Chuck Leavitt, Seth Farber, Marty Metzger, Ted Taub, Len Farber, Bert Fine, Adam Reissman, David Salomon, David Schwartz, Larry Posner, Burt Mandell



#### Yasher Koach to:

#### Lonnie Hirsch Temple Beth Shalom's Man of the Year



Lisa Mayer and Barry Schwartz
Eve Banilower and Kerry Goldflam
Jay Jaffe
Cheryl and Ira Sessler
Gail and Ian Stocks
Ester and Mel Zirkes
Hedy and Paul Brownstein
Sharon and Jerry Siskind
Phyllis Rose and Fred Glicksman
Diane and Peter Gottlieb
Rachel and Eric Naggar
Leslie and Larry Rochman

#### To our dear friend

### **LONNY HIRSCH**

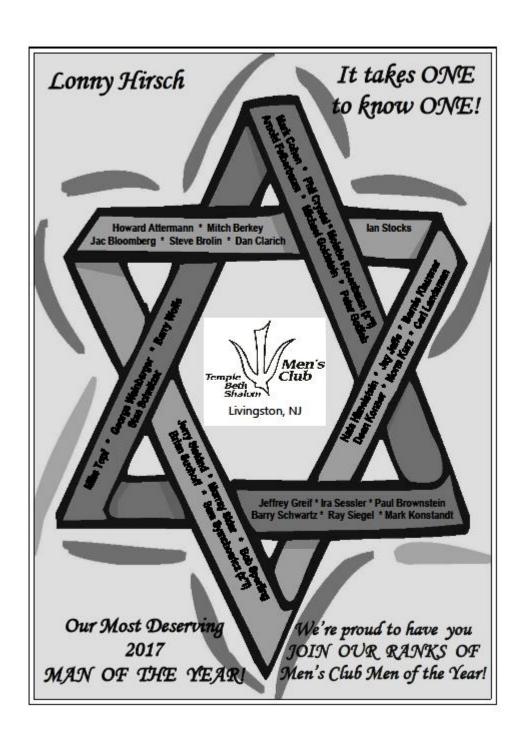
Congratulations on being chosen as this year's honorees. **We Salute You!**You are an inspiration to us all.

An honor well deserved.

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

Mazal Tov!

**ALON FAMILY** 







Livingston, NJ

# **Lonny Hirsch**

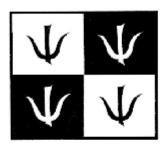
Our 2017 Man of the Year

Thank you for your years of service and dedication!



The Officers, Trustees and Members of Men's Club

#### Sisterhood Temple Beth Shalom Livingston, NJ



CONGRATULATES

2017 MEN'S CLUB

MAN OF THE YEAR

### **Lonny Hirsch**

ON THIS WELL DESERVED HONOR

#### MAZEL TOV

#### NEIL WARAR MAN OF THE YEAR

#### JACLYN SHAPIRO YOUTH OF THE YEAR

#### AND ALL OF THE HONOREES



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#### The Men's Club of Congregation Torat Fl Oakhurst, NJ Jersey Shore Jewish Center

Proudly Honors and Recognizes:

#### **Neil Warar**

Congregation Torat El Men's Club Past President

#### As Our 2017 Man of the Year

I his award is in appreciation for your Continued devotion and service to the CTE Men's Club and Temple Board of Directors

Thank you for your ongoing leadership and your attention to detail

#### Congregation Torat El



### THE CONGREGATION TORAT EL MEN'S CLUB Oakhurst, NJ

# Recognizes JACLYN SHAPIRO

# As Our 2017 Men's Club Youth of the Year

We honor you for service to our CTE Family and The Community

CTE Men's Club takes the opportunity to congratulate you for all you have accomplished,

yet we know that this is only the beginning for you On your journey towards realizing your full potential

# **JACLYN**

# CONGRADULATIONS ON BEING NAMED YOUTH OF THE YEAR

GRANDPA BARRY & GRANDMA ALISON

Congratulations, Jackie!

You never cease to amaze us.

Love you,

Mom, Dad, and Sydney

# CONGRATULATIONS TO AVIVA KAMENS YOUTH OF THE YEAR B'NAI SHALOM, WEST ORANGE

WE'RE SO PROUD OF YOU!

ELI, JOANNE, BEN, ALIZA AND TESS

#### Aviva,



We are so proud of all you have done for your two synagogues, USY, Ramah, and the entire Jewish community.

We can't wait to see where you go from here.

#### We Love You!

#### Mom, Dad, Noah, and Grandma

Mazal Tov

#### **David Gleaner**

B'nai Shalom Man of the Year.

May you go from strength to strength!

Sam, Sue, Aviva, and Noah Kamens

#### Mazal Tov to our Youth of Every Year

#### Aviva Kamens



With love from Saba and Savta Kamens

# Mazal Tov to Dr. David Gleaner: West Orange Man of the Year 2017

And to

#### **Aviva Kamen:**

West Orange's First Youth of the Year 2017

## May you go from strength to strength!

Love,

Leslie & Marck
Arielle Kallus, Samuel Kallus, Kaitlin Quinn
Stephan Kallus, Jessica Torch, Richard Kallus & Dori Moscowitz

To our beloved friend, David Gleaner.

Through decades of friendship, we have admired your kindness, compassion, generosity, and your fabulous sense of humor.

May you go from strength to strength.

Mazal Tov on this well-deserved honor.

With love, Lori Schuldiner and Joshua D. Schor Mazel Tov Aviva, for being honored as Youth of the Year!

It couldn't happen to a nicer Kamens!

Love,

Aunt Andrea, Uncle Jon, and cousins Miriam, Bayla, Anna, Josie, and Richie

#### Mazal Tov to Aviva Kamens B'nai Shalom's Teen of the Year



May your enthusiasm for Jewish learning and living never fade.

From the Bargad, Brodsky, Esrig, Gleaner, Schneider and Tsirulik Families

# Rabbi Tarfon used to say: You are not required to complete the task, yet you are not free to withdraw from it.

-Pirke Avot 2:21

David, Congratulations on this well-deserved honor. You step up without being asked, for your shul, for your community, for your family and for your friends. We are all better off as a result.

Robin & Dan Amster
Abigail & Arthur Bialer
Carol and Andy Blau
Jackie & Alan Kelin
Cheryl & Gary Minkoff
Ranana Rosoff & Will MacLeod
Janet & Michael Slifer
Karen & Elia Weixelbaum
Michelle Zeman & Howie Feiwus

#### Mazal Tov David Gleaner!!!









#### B'naí Shalom's Men's Club Man of the Year and our Funny Mensch of every year!

You continue to inspire us to be part of our Jewish Community, a source of Torah, Good Times and Good Deeds.

We are proud to be your family!



Love, Leslie, Ian, Noa, Ariel and Seth





#### YASHER KOACH, DAVID

Mazel Tov on this well-deserved honor.

Your dedication to B'nai Shalom is an inspiration to us all.

Thank you for your tireless commitment, leadership, and friendship.

# MAY YOU CONTINUE TO GO FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

Tina and Henry





The B'nai Shalom
Board of Trustees and
Executive Committee
extend a hearty
Yasher Koach
to our Men's Club
2017 Man of the Year Honoree

### **David Gleaner**

and to our 2017 Youth of the Year Honoree

#### **Aviva Kamens**

Dha Shalom supports rull inclusion and participation of individuals having all abilities in both religious and communal life.



#### Mazel Tov David Gleaner

OUR 2017 MAN OF THE YEAR

#### Mazel Tov Aviva Kamens

OUR 2017 YOUTH OF THE YEAR

Sincere thanks for your commitment to Judaism.

#### B'nai Shalom Men's Club



It's great to honor

#### **David Gleaner**

as Man of the Year for his tireless volunteering on behalf of B'nai Shalom and the Men's Club.

Mazel Tov!

Tom and Renée Phon 2014 Man of the Year Gary and Nancy Silver 2015 Man of the Year

Ari and Lauren Kampel

2016 Man of the Year

MAZAL TOV

TO BNAI SHALOM'S

MAN OF THE YEAR

OUR MAN OF EVERY YEAR

MAY YOU CONTINUE TO GO
FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

MOM
The Brokmans and Kleimans

# We have 71 reasons why you're our Man of the Year We love you Grandpa Joe



From the Landau grand-kid team Gideon, Noa, Ella & Augie

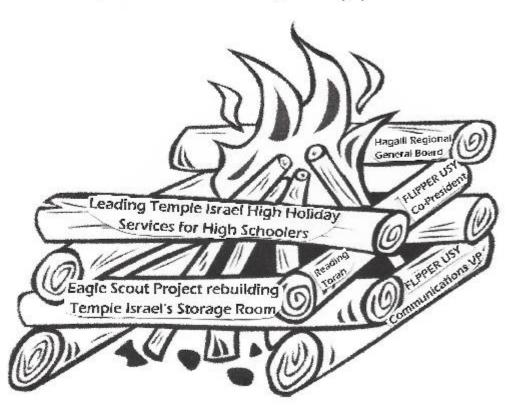
#### MAZEL TOV DENIS-A REAL STAND-UP GUY!



LOVE, CARLA, JERRY, SAMSON & DELILAH

# Congratulations Robert Bakal

on being honored as BMC Youth of the Year You put fire in everything you do!



Your friends,
The Glucks, Heits and Vandalovskys

#### OY, WE HAVE A MOY AND A YOY



# CONGRATULATIONS JOE AND ROBERT

Carla, Denis and (Cousin) Jerry Vogel

# CELEBRATING LEADERSHIP

3-of-a-kind A winning hand!

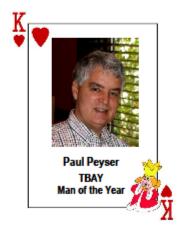
THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO.



Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael Springfield

THE DECK IS LOADED!







### Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael You belong here!

### Mazel Tov

To Our Men of the Year

Denis Vogel Joe Landau Robert Bakal

The Sisterhood of Temple Israel and JCC Ridgewood, NJ

### **Mazel Tov Robert!**



With all our love Aunt Arlene, Uncle Marc, Joel and David Aunt Deb, Uncle Martin, Jon, Matt and Rachel

## Congratulations to



## Robert Bakal

Temple Israel 2017 Youth of the Year

From everyone at the



You've been our Men's Club MOY, its President What's next Denis & our Synagogue President. Being named Vogel? Regional MOY is a well deserved honor **Breaking Bad?** Well Deserved Honor of Not Joe Landau. ALBUQUERQUE the Men's Club Man of He just visits the Year 2017/2018 Albuquerque often Robert Bakal is a very Scouts' Honor deserving Youth of the Year

Best Wishes to all the Temple Israel (Ridgewood)
Brandeis Men's Club Honorees - From Bob Dworkin

# Congratulations to Temple Israel's Iron Men who Lead the Pack!



Denis Vogel, Joe Landau and Robert Bakal

Congratulations from
The Freeds, Habers and Obeiters



to our Temple Israel of Ridgewood,

All Stars
Regional MOY

Denis Vogel

Brandeis Men's Club MOY

Joe Landau

Temple Israel Youth of the Year Robert Bakal

Your continued accomplishments to make our community a better place are inspirational to everyone!

You Men make us proud to be your friends, and admirers!

Tricia & Howard Schreiber



## Congratulations to the Men Of The Year

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Denis Vogel Joe Landau Robert Bakal

**Bonnie and David Weiss** 



## Men's Club Congratulations!!!









Our 2017 Man of the Year Brandeis Men's Club

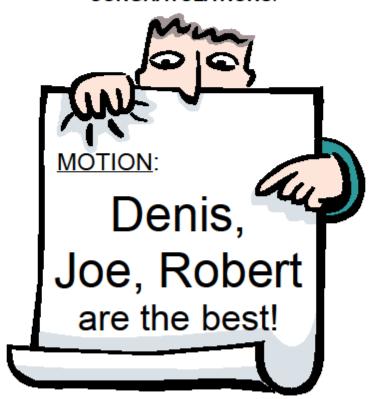
Temple Israel, Ridgewood, NJ

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

## Denis Vogel Joe Landau Robert Bakal

are being honored as 2017-2018 Regional MOY, MOY and YOY in recognition of their continuous work and devotion to our synagogue and community.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Motion PASSED unanimously by:

The Officers, Trustees and Committee Chairs

#### Robert:

We hope that being recognized as YOY by Temple Israel & JCC's Brandeis Men's Club inspires you to work to make the world a better place. BMC's support of your Eagle Scout project was only the beginning of your leadership journey in the Jewish community, as you worked to improve Temple Israel and built a place to store the rabbi when not in use.



You are always willing to lend a hand or your voice and have made Temple Israel your second home. The lessons you have learned in USY and Scouting leadership will take you far, though that doesn't mean you have to wear their T-shirts every day...

We are so proud of you as you continue to become the man that others can look up to, figuratively and literally, but to us, you will always be our favorite little boy!

Love you lots and lots always, Mommy, Daddy, Mollie & Sarah Renee

## MAZEL TOV to DENIS VOGEL and JOE LANDAU





## WHO HAVE TAUGHT ME THAT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD,

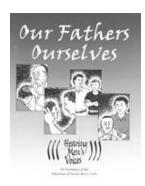
## JUST KEEP PEDALING!



Thank you for inspiring me.
I'm honored to be recognized with you.
Robert Bakal

## **Hearing Men's Voices**

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



#### OUR FATHERS, OURSELVES

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

#### **BODY & SPIRIT**

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





#### LISTENING TO GOD'S VOICE

The third installment in the Hearing Men's Voices series focuses on men's spiritual lives and examines the nature of our relationships with God. The book consists of more than a dozen lesson plans designed to stimulate discussion

#### **WORK & WORTH**

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





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

A Book of Inclusion for Dual-Faith Families

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

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

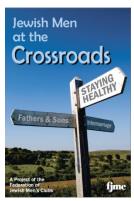
Let's Talk About It is the second part of the FJMC's discussion of the issue of intermarriage that confronts us as a community and within our own families.



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

No club should be without these outstanding programs.

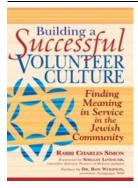
## Other Books from FJMC



#### **JEWISH MEN AT THE CROSSROADS**

- How do we explain the disappearance of men from the Jewish community?
- Why do so many of today's Jewish men find their experience in the synagogue unfulfilling? Indeed why do they stay?

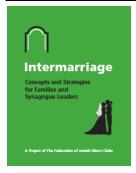
Jewish Men at the Crossroads addresses these and other questions facing modern Jewish men — everything from intermarriage to co-parenting, sexual dysfunction to retirement, the role of men in a post-feminist world to the role of God in men's lives. <u>Jewish Men at the Crossroads</u> is <u>essential reading</u> for today's Jewish man.



### BUILDING A SUCCESSFUL VOLUNTEER CULTURE - FINDING MEANING INSERVICE IN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

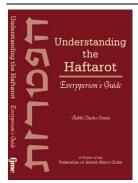
Cultivating successful volunteers in the twenty-first century is increasingly more challenging. Budgets are tight, hands are few, and competition for a person's discretionary time is severe. How do you develop and maintain the volunteers who are essential to the vitality of your organization and community? What can you do to avoid volunteer burnout?

Rabbi Charles Simon draws on over thirty years of professional experience to provide you with the resources you need to build and retain a thriving volunteer culture for your organization - regardless of size or complexity.



## INTERMARRIAGE: CONCEPTS & STRATEGIES FOR FAMILIES AND SYNAGOGUE LEADERS

If family members and community leaders wish to become engaged in the process of Keruv they often need to ask, "Does Keruv have an ideology and theology? And if so what is it?" Then they need to learn how to respond to intermarriage from the perspective of both gender and religion. This publication reflects the most current thinking about intermarriage to date and attempts to provide family members and community leaders with the needed understanding to effectively work with intermarrieds or potential intermarrieds.



#### **UNDERSTANDING THE HAFTAROT: AN EVERYPERSON'S GUIDE**

In this stimulating and unusual book Rabbi Charles Simon, Executive Director of the FJMC, provides the reader with the context to understand how the haftarot were organized, why they might have been selected and suggests reasons for finding meaning and value.

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







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

#### http://fjmc.org/content/world-wide-wrap

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

Register (or look at photographs of last year's New Jersey Wrappers) at the same website listed above.

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



World Wide Wrap XVII Sunday, February 4th, 2018





## YOM HASHOAH YELLOW CANDLE™ PROGRAM

Always Participate
Never Forget the Six Million
27 Nisan 5777 - April 12, 2017
Zachor! G'dank!
What is the Yellow Candle™ Program?

The Yellow Candle was conceived in 1983 by FJMC Clubs in Massachusetts and Canada to help keep alive the memory of the Six Million Jews who perished in the Holocaust. It is

modeled after the traditional Jewish memorial candle that burns for 24 hours during mourning periods and on the anniversary of the death of a family member.

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

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

#### Who benefits from the Yellow Candle Program?

- **Men's Clubs.** The program provides the Men's Club (or other participating group) a purpose and a significant project upon which to focus. The program is an excellent vehicle for training its members and cultivating volunteers.
- **Synagogues.** The program benefits the synagogue because it unites the congregation through an inter-age effort and provides a focus for Yom HaShoah programming.
- **Communities.** The program benefits the community by bringing the resources that Men's Clubs have at their disposal to aid and assist community observances and to make the public more aware of the lessons of the Holocaust.
- **Our Youth.** The FJMC has established an international scholarship fund "From Darkness into Light," available to members of USY chapters in participating synagogues to help offset the cost of attending the USY Poland or Eastern Europe/Israel Seminar.
- **Charities**. Yellow Candle programs can be a source of funding for other meaningful programs related to Yom HaShoah. For example, the Blue Card Fund benefits indigent survivors. Other clubs target funds for local Holocaust memorials, libraries, gardens, Holocaust Museum trips and scholarships for USY Pilgrimage summer programs.

For more details consult the FJMC Yellow Candle Program Guide available at http://nnjr.org

## SAVE THE DATE

Join your FJMC Brothers for the

# 2018 Biennial Quad-Region Retreat

Hudson Valey Mid Atlantic North New Jersey New York Metro

June 8 – 10, 2018

**Registration & Price Info Coming Soon** 

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## Congratulations to Temple Israel Man of the Year

Joe Landau

From your friends the Halenars, Obeiters, Bortingers, and Fleischmans

Congratulations to all honorees and to Temple Beth Shalom Men's Club Man of the Year

## **Lonny Hirsch**

Yasher Koach !!!

Laura & Jeffrey Greif