



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

**Presidents Installation
Dinner**

9 Sivan 5779
June 12th, 2019

Fair Lawn Jewish Center / Congregation B'nai Israel
Fair Lawn, New Jersey

Ma'asim Tovim Honoree



Dr. Joel Kurtz
Congregation B'nai Israel, Toms River



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The Board and Officers of the NNJR welcome all of our Clubs and their leaders to this year's Presidents Installation Dinner. The mission of FJMC is to involve Jewish men in Jewish life. We hope that this evening will help fulfill that goal.

Shalom Chaverim!

Hinei Ma Tov U'Manayim

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PRESIDENTS DINNER COMMITTEE

Dinner Chairs / Reservations Jeff Schulman, Denis Vogel
Program Book David Millman

This Evening's Program

6:00 PM – Check-In / Snacks

7:00 PM – Welcome

Bob Sokol, Incoming President of Men's Progress Club, Fair Lawn

Greetings from Fair Lawn Jewish Center / CBI

Michael Baer, President, Fair Lawn Jewish Center / CBI, Fair Lawn

Anthems: Star Spangled Banner & Hatikvah

Wendee Marcus, Fair Lawn Jewish Center / CBI, Fair Lawn

D'var Torah - Parashat Nasso

Rabbi Keven Friedman, Fair Lawn Jewish Center / CBI, Fair Lawn

Greetings from the FJMC

Joel Kurtz, NNJR Ma'asim Tovim Honoree

Club Presidents Installation: Outgoing, Continuing, Incoming

Jeff Schulman, Congregation Neve Shalom, Metuchen

Dave Mandell, East Brunswick Jewish Center, East Brunswick

Mincha service

David Glass, Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael, Springfield

Discharge & Installation of Region Officers and Trustees

NNJR President's Address

Elliott Brown, Ohev Shalom / Marlboro JC, Marlboro

8:15 PM – Dinner

Clubs of the Northern New Jersey Region

BETH EL SYNAGOGUE.....	East Windsor
B'NAI SHALOM.....	West Orange
CONGREGATION AGUDATH ISRAEL.....	Caldwell
CONGREGATION BETH EL.....	South Orange
CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL.....	Scotch Plains
CONGREGATION BETH OHR.....	Old Bridge
CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL.....	Millburn
CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL.....	Toms River
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 / CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL.....	Fair Lawn
HIGHLAND PARK CONSERVATIVE TEMPLE - CONGREGATION ANSHE EMETH.....	Highland Park
OHEV SHALOM / MARLBORO JEWISH CENTER.....	Marlboro
PINE BROOK JEWISH CENTER.....	Montville
SHOMREI TORAH, THE WAYNE CONSERVATIVE CONGREGATION.....	Wayne
TEMPLE BETH AHM.....	Aberdeen
TEMPLE BETH AHM YISRAEL.....	Springfield
TEMPLE BETH EL.....	Somerset
TEMPLE BETH O'R/BETH TORAH.....	Clark
TEMPLE BETH SHALOM.....	Livingston
TEMPLE BETH-EL MEKOR CHAYIM.....	Cranford
TEMPLE EMANU-EL.....	Closter
TEMPLE ISRAEL & JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER.....	.Ridgewood
TEMPLE SHOLOM.....	Bridgewater
WHITE MEADOW TEMPLE.....	Rockaway

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Wayne

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East Brunswick

Jeff Schulman 2012-2014
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Metuchen

Joel Kurtz 2014-2016
Congregation B'nai Israel, Toms
River



Elliott Brown

President NNJR

**Men's Club Past President
Ohev Shalom / Marlboro Jewish Center,
Marlboro**

Elliott is honored to continue in the position of President of the Northern New Jersey Region of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs and looks forward to continue to work with a very talented and committed group of men who will serve with him as members of the Regional Executive Board. Prior to assuming the presidency, Elliott served as Executive Vice President of the Region, as well as a District "Rosh" (liaison) for those clubs included in the southern district of the Region. Elliott previously served as Financial Secretary and initially as a Trustee on the Regional Executive Board.

At the Club level Elliott served as Club President or Co-President for several years. He remains active as a member of the Marlboro Jewish Center Men's Club Board. Elliott previously served on the Marlboro Jewish Center's Board of Trustees and is Co-Chairman of the Israel Affairs and Keruv Committees (the latter being an outgrowth of the FJMC's Keruv initiative). When asked, Elliott quickly accepted the request to serve as one of the FJMC representatives on the Board of Directors of Mercaz USA. Mercaz USA is the Zionist membership organization of the Conservative Movement, the voice of Conservative Jewry within the World Zionist Organization, the Jewish Agency for Israel, the American Zionist Movement, and the Jewish National Fund. Its mandate is to support religious pluralism in Israel and strengthen the connection between Israel and the Diaspora, including working in partnership with the FJMC in providing Israel advocacy training to Conservative Jewry.

Like many of the men active in the FJMC, Elliott has a passion for Israel, having lived there for 3 ½ years with his wife, Lori, in the early 1980's. While Elliott's aliyah did not work out exactly as he had planned, he was offered the opportunity to maintain a strong connection with Israel through the Tel Aviv law firm he worked at—agreeing to move to the Metropolitan New York area and becoming an associate with a Midtown Manhattan law firm with strong ties to the Tel Aviv firm, rather than returning to his hometown of Miami.

After a short stint in Rego Park, Lori and Elliott moved to Edison in 1988 and became active members of Congregation Neve Shalom, where daughter Arielle, born in 1991, received her pre-school education and Lori and Elliott joined a chavurah. With daughter Samantha's arrival in 1997, the Browns moved to Marlboro in the Spring of 1999, and joined the Marlboro Jewish Center in time for the High Holidays.

After working at various law firms and as General Counsel at two different groups of companies, Elliott started his own law practice in 2009, specializing in representing small to mid-size businesses involved in various types of business transactions and providing advice and counseling to his clients. Elliott serves as outside General Counsel to several of his larger clients and opened an office in Marlboro in 2013.



**OUR
2019-2020
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PRESIDENTS**

"Leadership, Innovation, Community"

Club	Synagogue	Incoming / Continuing President(s)	Outgoing President(s)
Aberdeen	Temple Beth Ahm	Howard Schornstein	
Bridgewater	Temple Sholom	Fred Persky	
Caldwell	Congregation Agudath Israel	Jonathan Mehl	Al Mahler
Clark	Temple Beth O'r / Beth Torah	Michael Goldstein	Michael Miller
Closter	Temple Emanu-El	Harris Miller	Evan Schwarz
Cranford	Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim	Lance Kandl Craig Schwartz	
East Brunswick	East Brunswick Jewish Center	David Julis	Arthur Fliegelman Sheldon Horowitz
East Windsor	Beth El Synagogue	Michael Livstone	
Fair Lawn	Fair Lawn Jewish Center / Congregation B'nai Israel	Bob Sokol	Larry Bach
Highland Park	Highland Park Conservative Temple - Congregation Anshe Emeth	Rich Zirin	
Livingston	Temple Beth Shalom	Barry Schwartz	
Marlboro	Ohev Shalom/Marlboro Jewish Center	Alan Greenberg	
Metuchen	Congregation Neve Shalom	Lawrence Dombrow	Lon Dobbs
Millburn	Congregation B'nai Israel	Alex Marcus Jonathan Schor	

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Montville	Pine Brook Jewish Center	Jay Thailer	
North Brunswick	Congregation B'nai Tikvah	Craig Cohen Joshua Oliver	
Ocean	Congregation Torat El	Gregg Taffet	
Old Bridge	Congregation Beth Ohr	Ed Mendlowitz	
Ridgewood	Temple Israel & JCC	Scott Baslaw	Arty Freed
Rockaway	White Meadow Temple	Jason Weiner	
Scotch Plains	Congregation Beth Israel	Michael Margolin	
Somerset	Temple Beth El	Darryl Jayson	
South Orange	Congregation Beth El	Scott Horowitz	
Springfield	Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael	David Glass	
Staten Island, NY	Congregation B'nai Jeshurun	Joel Brimmer	
Toms River	Congregation B'nai Israel	Al Baxter	Joel Kurtz
Wayne	Shomrei Torah, Wayne Conservative Congregation	Eric Weis	
West Orange	B'nai Shalom	Gary Silver	

Howard Schornstein
Temple Beth Ahm
Aberdeen

Howard Schornstein is the president of Temple Beth Ahm's Men's Club in Aberdeen NJ. He loves being active in Jewish causes and has been involved in them in various roles for most of his adult life.



He and his family enjoy travel to Israel whenever there is an opportunity and they have been there many times. He is married to Iris Schornstein for 24 years and they have 2 children – Sarah and Benjamin. They live in Manalapan NJ.

Howard is an attorney in the State of NJ and earned an MBA in Management Information Systems. He works in the corporate IT world and worked for AT&T Bell Labs the majority of his career building and managing network systems. He is now in the health care IT sector and is proud that he supported his wife's cardiology practice IT needs for almost 22 years.

In addition to Israel trips he has traveled to almost 50 countries including India, Russia and China – and always includes a trip to a Jewish cultural site during these travels. He enjoys spending time with his extended family and synagogue friends. He recognizes that to keep Judaism alive takes commitment and engagement. He looks forward to staying active in Jewish causes in for the foreseeable future. He is also the committee chair for his son's Boy Scout troop and as an Eagle Scout himself he enjoys camping and teaching outdoor skills including survival and first aid skills to the troop.

Fred Persky
Temple Sholom
Bridgewater

Jonathan Mehl
Congregation Agudath Israel
Caldwell

Jonathan is a lifelong member of Congregation Agudath Israel in Caldwell. He is the first Caldwell Men's Club President whose father, Froman Mehl, was also President of the Caldwell Club.



Jonathan is married to Michele Mehl, and they have two sons: Corey who is attending NJIT, and Ross who will be attending Tulane University in New Orleans in the Fall of 2019.

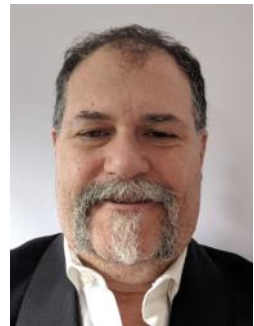
Jonathan's involvement with Agudath Israel has been ongoing since a child. When he was in high school, Jonathan was President of USY, has served as the Mens' Club Vice President for the past several years, and is proud to now become its president. Jonathan has maintained his law firm in Rutherford, New Jersey for over 23 years.

Michael Goldstein
Temple Beth O'r / Beth Torah
Clark

Michael continues on as President, busily guiding the club as it works on many programs including: the Pancake Breakfast; Build Sukkah; Men's Health speakers; Yom HaShoah Candle Program; World Wide Wrap; and Casino Night fund raiser.

Harris Miller
Temple Emanu-El
Closter

Harris is a native of Southern California. He moved to NJ a few weeks before Superstorm Sandy for his wife's job. His wife, Tara, is a Long Island native who teaches at Tenafly Middle School. They have two children: Logan is 6, and Ronin will turn 4 in a few weeks. Harris has spent most of the last 35 years working in Sales & Service.



Lance Kandl
Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim
Cranford

Lance Kandl has his bachelor's degree from Kean University. He has worked for the Union County Division of Social Services for the last 34 years as a social work supervisor. Lance is a certified social worker, and in addition to working at the UCDSJ, he and his brother run a family business.



Lance is married to Phyllis, and they have been married for 31 years. Lance has been a member of Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim since 1988 and Phyllis has literally been a member of the temple her entire life. Phyllis has worked for many years as an administrator of the hemophilia and sickle cell programs at Beth Israel Medical Center in Newark.

Lance and Phyllis have two sons, Douglas, 27 years old and Matthew, 23 years old. Douglas is married to Melanie and they reside in Columbia, Maryland. Matthew has just received his bachelor's degree in biomedical engineering and master's degree in mechanical engineering. He now resides in Kalamazoo Michigan.

Lance and Craig Schwartz have been Co-Presidents of the synagogue's Men's Club for over 7 years. The TBEMC Men's Club is very active and has many programs such as "Torah on Tap" and a Thanksgiving Kid's Party.

Craig Schwartz
Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim
Cranford

Craig 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 being Bar Mitzvah'd here. He is honored to serve as co-president of the TBEMC Men's Club with Lance Kandl.



Craig is currently serving for the tenth consecutive year on the TBEMC Board of Education in the capacity as its Treasurer. Previously, he served

on TBEMC's Finance Committee, the Cantor / Education Director Search committee and the Nominating Committee. During the past year he 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 sixteen years. They have two beautiful children: eleven-year-old Jessica and eight-year-old Joshua. Rachel serves on TBEMC's Board of Trustees.

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.

David Julis
East Brunswick Jewish Center
East Brunswick



David is being called upon again to be the President of the East Brunswick Jewish Center Men's Club where he and his family have been members for over 34 years. As a member of the EBJC family for many years, David has been active in various aspects of the Men's Club and the synagogue, and is known as "The Guy". He can be counted on to do whatever needs to be done. From doing the Kol Nidre Appeal, working with Sisterhood, shopping for Kiddush, manning the grill for synagogue barbecues, supplying schnapps, etc. David is also the official/unofficial Shabbat morning greeter who is always hanging out at the back of the sanctuary. Everyone enjoys seeing his smiling face on their way in and out of services – especially since he is known for his keen sense of humor and verbal fortitude. There isn't anyone who walks in that doesn't get a Shabbat Shalom, a hug, a kiss, a handshake or a pat on the back from him. Because of this, he has been given the unofficial title of VP of Schmooze by the current Rabbi. Additionally, he is also a VP on the NNJR Board and a past Region MOY.

The true center of David's life is his family. He is the proud grandpa of his granddaughters Norah and Aubrey, his newest grandson Carson and his daughter Becky and son-in-law Josh, and his daughter Sarah and partner Matt. But, most important, is his wife Margot, who without her strength, support and love, he couldn't do what he does.

Michael Livstone

**Beth El Synagogue
East Windsor**

Mike Livstone ascends, kicking and screaming, to the presidency of the Men's Club of Beth El Synagogue (East Windsor) after five years as vice president. He is a member of the Torch Award-winning Essen and Fressen cooking team and a former Man of the Year. Mike is also a member (*ex officio*, *ad hoc*, and *honoris causa*) of the kiddush committee and special assistant (without portfolio) to the Tot Shabbat coordinator, a.k.a. his beautiful and talented wife of nearly 19 years, Danna. Mike is a data scientist at a pharmaceutical company based in Summit, NJ. Prior to that, he was on the research staff at Princeton University and taught at Temple University. Mike and Danna live in East Windsor with their tall and brilliant children, Yoni (15) and Ariella (13).



Robert Sokol

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

Robert Sokol, president of the Men's Progress Club at the Fair Lawn Jewish Center Congregation B'nai Israel, is a father of Sydney and married to Ann. Robert graduated from the University of Vermont where he played soccer for the Division 1 Catamounts. Presently he is a middle school science teacher and an insurance broker. He enjoys traveling and going to the gym.



Rich Zirin

**Highland Park Conservative Temple -
Congregation Anshe Emeth
Highland Park**

Rich Zirin has been a member of the Highland Park Conservative Temple Congregation Anshe Emeth for over 25 years. He has been connected with Men's Club for most of them, becoming more active about 10 years ago. Rich has played on the



Men's Club Softball team for over 20 years, has been a Trustee, Exec VP and now President.

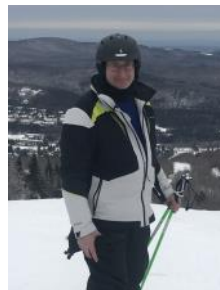
Rich's goals for the club this year were fiscal responsibility, social engagement, membership outreach, and better communications. The club ran many successful programs with delicious home cooked food, entertainment, learning, and great comradery! Our club is fiscally sound, we revamped some of our signature programs and our membership is strong. Next year Rich wants the club to work on expanding membership, continuing to improve communications, and Chesed outreach.

Rich has been a High School History Teacher for the past 24 years and has also coached the Varsity Golf Team at his school for the past 20 years. He is an avid Yankees, Giants, Knicks, and Devils fan. In the summer, Rich and his wife Marla go RVing around the country. This year will feature several National Parks in Utah and Colorado. And when Rich isn't on the road, you can find him on the beach, lounging in his yard, or on the golf course.

Rich has many titles -- Mr. Zirin, Coach, Mr. President, son, brother, husband. But his favorites have to be Daddy and Pop-Pop. He is blessed with 3 children and 5 grandchildren..... So far!!!

Barry Schwartz **Temple Beth Shalom** **Livingston**

Barry Schwartz is a native New Jerseyean who grew up in West Caldwell. He received his Jewish upbringing from Camp Ramah and United Synagogue Youth as a local, regional, and national officer. After graduating with his Bachelor's Degree from Muhlenberg College and his Master's Degree from Seton Hall University, Barry began his career as a special education teacher in several school districts across New Jersey. He continues to teach today.



In addition to running Barry School Entertainment, Barry was a USY Advisor for Temple Beth Shalom in Fair Lawn and Temple Beth Ahm in Springfield. After his family moved to Livingston, he reinstated El Al, the 4th and 5th grade youth group for Temple Beth Shalom in Livingston. Barry also joined the Men's Club and the Temple Youth Commission.

After serving as Secretary, Programming VP and Fundraising VP, Barry has accepted the position of President for the 2017-2019 term.

Barry is married to Lisa Mayer, a professor at Bergen County College in Paramus. They have been married for 28 years and have two daughters, Rebecca and Michelle.

Alan Greenberg
Ohev Shalom / Marlboro Jewish Center
Marlboro



Alan is the returning President of Marlboro Jewish Center for his fourth year. During the year, the MJC Men's Club has continued many of our annual events such as our Welcome Back BBQ, Sukkah Building, the annual Sports Bar in the Sukkah, Championship Game evening, Build a Pair & Grogger, Man & Youth of the Year, support of the Hanukkah party, World Wide Wrap, Hearing Men's Voices, Men's Club Shabbat and Yellow Candle delivery. We celebrated Purim with our 2nd annual Pour-im and built out our younger men membership with our Bagels & Bloodies breakfast boosting out membership by nearly 10%. Our Fall & Winter Volleyball continued in our Chai Building with another local Men's Club. We reach out to all new Temple members and invite everyone to attend our events and always seek ways to bring in more Men.

Haimisha Helper continues as an outreach to our community to assist members of our community who need some extra help around their home. This year our club expanded Haimisha Helper to include helping a congregant family dealing with high medical costs and bringing manpower to projects outside our normal scope to ease their financial pain and help them with projects they could not take on themselves.

Alan is married to Stacy and will be celebrating their 30th Anniversary this summer. They have a 22 year old daughter Eliana and they make their home in Freehold. He is a National Sales Manager for Signorello Estate from Napa and represents Signorello Estate, Fuse, Edge and Trim Wines.

Lawrence Dombrow
Congregation Neve Shalom
Metuchen



I am Lawrence Dombrow, and I am honored, excited, and a little nervous to be the incoming president of the Neve Shalom Men's Club. I grew up in East Brunswick, graduating from East Brunswick High School, and then Brandeis University and Brooklyn Law School. Currently, I work as an insurance adjuster, handling environmental claims. As a child, I spent almost every Friday night at Shabbat dinner with my aunt and uncle (as well as my cousins and grandmother until she passed) and nearly every Shabbat morning sitting with my aunt and uncle at services at the East Brunswick Jewish Center. My family (my parents and two sisters) lived next door to my aunt, uncle, and cousins and grandmother, with six children, five years apart in age, in a three-generation, two-house, integrated family. I later spent four years as a camper at Camp Ramah in the Berkshires, and then several more on Ramah Seminar in Israel and on staff. All of these experiences reinforced in me the importance of Jewish ritual and tradition. Several of my Ramah friends are still my closest friends after over 35 years, and the memories of Friday night singing and dancing, or reading Aicha on T'sha B'Av evening, among others, are still with me. The tenets of conservative Judaism have always resonated with me, and as I moved over time, from Brooklyn, to Queens, and then Bayonne, New Jersey, I always sought out a synagogue to attend and be a part of.

When I moved to Metuchen in the fall of 2011 and first came to Neve Shalom, I was immediately struck by how warm and friendly the community is. People are there for one another, and I remain impressed by the generosity of our membership.

Neve Shalom has a tradition of having a strong, committed Men's Club. We have among our current ranks many past chapter presidents, and regional and international officers. That is a tremendous comfort to me as I start this role, as well as a challenge. I look forward to working with all of our members to continue and enhance our chapter's history of excellence.

Alex Marcus
Congregation B'nai Israel
Millburn

Alex Marcus becomes co-president of Congregation B'nai Israel (Millburn) Men's Club this year. Alex grew up at CBI - Millburn. As a youth, he attended Solomon Schechter Day School for a few years, was active in USY and graduated from The Prozdor (JTS) Hebrew high school. He lives in Basking Ridge with his wife Debbie and their 3 children who attend schools in Basking Ridge and at Kushner Yeshiva High School/Hebrew Academy. Alex learns at Kollel Basking Ridge. For *parnassa* he fixes hands in Edison and Old Bridge. At CBI he chairs the Religious Affairs committee, sits on the board and plays for the softball team. He serves a treasurer of Jewish Family Service of Somerset Hunterdon Warren counties. He attributes his election to being the CBI Men's Club cholent champ.



Jonathan Schor
Congregation B'nai Israel
Millburn

Jonathan Schor is incoming co-president of the Men's Club at Congregation B'nai Israel in Millburn. Jonathan has been a member at CBI for 8 years and has been serving on the Men's Club Board for the past 5 years. As a board member he continued on the challah program and started an inter-shul bowling tournament. He also was instrumental in bringing the Men's Club into the digital age. Jonathan grew up in Woodmere, NY where he attended HAFTR elementary school and graduated from Yeshivah of Flatbush High School. Jonathan is a graduate of New York University and SUNY Downstate Medical School. He currently works as a vascular surgeon at Staten Island University Hospital. Jonathan lives in Short Hills, NJ with his wife, Michelle Neier, and his two children, Juliette and Rebecca.



Jay Thailer
Pine Brook Jewish Center
Montville

Jay grew up in Rockaway, New Jersey as a member of White Meadow Temple. His family was very involved in White Meadow for many years. Jay and his wife Ilene moved to Pine Brook in 2003 and became active members at Pine Brook Jewish Center. Jay and Ilene have both served on the Board of the Temple in the past and Ilene was Sisterhood President recently. Jay volunteered to become Men's Club President after a long tenure by Steve Gothelf. We have held several fun events over the past year including a Whiskey tasting at an exotic car dealership.



Craig Cohen
Congregation B'nai Tikvah
North Brunswick

Craig and his wife Sharon have been members of Congregation B'nai Tikvah for 11 years. Craig has two children Emma and Scott. Craig has served on CBT board of directors as a trustee as well as the Co- VP of Ways and Means. Craig has also served as a VP of membership for the men's club. Craig is a middle school science teacher in northern New Jersey.



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 has served on several committees and successfully co-chaired a comedy night at the temple. 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. Professionally, Joshua is



the Chief Compliance Officer for Metropolitan Commercial Bank and is a well-respected Anti-Money Laundering professional.

Gregg Taffet
Congregation Torat El
Ocean

Gregg grew up in Colonia and graduated from Rutgers College in May of 1983. He has been a member of Congregation Torat El for 23 years. This is his second two year term as President of the CTE Men's Club. He is going to serve in the position until he gets it right! Gregg lives in Tinton Falls with his wife Alissa. He has one son, Ryan. Gregg is the East Coast Sales Manager for Lamb Weston. In his spare time he enjoys boating and fishing out of the Sandy Hook Area on the Jersey Shore (yes you are welcome to come any time), as well as rooting for the Mets and Jets.



Ed Mendlowitz
Congregation Beth Ohr
Old Bridge

Edward Mendlowitz, CPA, is a partner at WithumSmith+Brown, PC and one of *Accounting Today's* 100 Most Influential People. Ed is accredited as a personal financial specialist by the AICPA; is admitted to practice and has argued cases before the United States Tax Court; testified twice before the House Ways and Means Committee on Tax Reform, Fairness and Equity; is an adjunct professor in Fairleigh Dickinson MBA program and has been on the *Bottom Line / Personal* Panel of Experts for Taxes since the publication's inception over 35 years ago. Ed is also the author of 27 books, and has written over 1500 professional articles and developed and presented over 300 professional speeches and webinars. He writes a twice a week blog that address issues his clients have at www.partners-network.com .



Scott Baslaw
Temple Israel & Jewish Community Center
Ridgewood

Scott is serving his first term as President of Temple Israel - Brandeis Men's Club. Scott grew up in Fair Lawn and moved back there several years ago. He is a member of Reconstructionist Congregation Beth Israel. He is married and has one son. Scott is a special education teacher and has been teaching for over 20 years. In his spare time he enjoys reading and going to the beach.



Jason Weiner
White Meadow Temple
Rockaway

Michael Margolin
Congregation Beth Israel
Scotch Plains

Michael Margolin is starting his second year as Men's Club president at Congregation Beth Israel of Scotch Plains, where he also sings in the choir.

Michael is involved in the Jewish Federation of Greater Metrowest's efforts to help the Jewish community in Ukraine. He is active in improving Jewish life at his alma mater Hamilton College. His other volunteer work is as immediate past president of the Hairy Cell Leukemia Foundation. He is the proud father of three adult children and loving husband to Ruth Bloomfield Margolin



Professionally, Michael is a gastroenterologist in Cranford, and associate medical director of Garden State Endoscopy & Surgery Center.

Darryl Jayson
Temple Beth El
Somerset

Darryl Jayson grew up in Somerset, New Jersey with his family and has been a member of Temple Beth El since 1972.



Following his bar mitzvah at Temple Beth El in 1977, he worked for 7 years with Temple Beth El's in-house catering service which hosted the temple's events and provided food during its charitable operations. Darryl is currently the Temple Beth El's Men's Club President, a Temple Beth El board trustee, and editor of the Shofar, Temple Beth El's monthly newsletter.

Darryl graduated from the University of Delaware in 1986 with a Bachelor's degree in economics and from Rutgers University in 1989 with a Master's degree in economics. For the past 20 years, he has served as Vice President for TMA, a trade association located in Princeton, New Jersey. Darryl and his wife Lana, who is also active in Temple Beth El, have one son, Daniel.

Over the past 16 years, Darryl has been a member of Temple Beth El's men's club with the last seven years serving as manager for one of the temple's two softball teams.

Darryl is an avid Mets and Jets fan and an avid music lover.

Scott Horowitz
Congregation Beth El
South Orange

Scott is a second generation Men's Club member. Having seen the relationships his father made in his synagogue's Men's Club, Scott was enthusiastic to continue the tradition. Being both heavily involved with USY in High School, and Hillel/Chabad at Penn State, he has always made being active in the Jewish Community a priority. Scott has previously



served as Executive Vice President, and will continue this year to lead Men's Club as President.

Scott works as a Senior Software Specialist for an insurance company in lower Manhattan. He lives with his wife Marissa, and their pet R2-D2 voice commanded robot. He's a big fan of the New York Yankees, New York Giants and Penn State Nittany Lions. You can find Scott on the golf course in his free time.

David Glass

Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael Springfield



David is the President of the Springfield Men's Club and a Past-President of Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael in Springfield. David's goal for Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael is to achieve excellence and sustainability to ensure a vibrant future for the Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael community. He continues to serve the Temple in many capacities; most notably as the Co-Chairman of the Temple's L'Dor VaDor Capital Campaign that raised \$1.41 million. David's service to the Jewish community did not begin with his service to Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael.

David has also served as the Youth Director at Temples Beth El and Oheb Shalom in South Orange as well as the Pine Brook Jewish Center in Montville, NJ. His service as a Youth Director led to award winning USY chapters in both communities. David also served as a religious school teacher at Congregation Neve Shalom in Metuchen and at Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael.

David enlisted in the United States Navy from 1986 to 1994. While serving in the Navy, David served the Jewish community as a Jewish Lay Leader (an official designation) on the USS La Salle and the USS Suribachi. As such, he conducted Shabbat and holiday services for his fellow Jewish servicemen; including the conducting of a Passover Seder on the USS La Salle while the ship was in port in Muscat, Oman.

David is a war veteran having served 3 tours in the Persian Gulf during both the Iran-Iraq War and the first Persian Gulf War. As a rescue and assistance firefighter, he was called as a first responder to the USS Stark after she was attacked by Iraqi warplanes on 17 May, 1987. Upon

completion of naval service, David returned to New Jersey to pursue his education.

David holds a BA in History from Montclair State University, and an MBA in Nonprofit Management from Touro University Worldwide. David teaches Social Studies at Parsippany High School. He is married to Lisa Harris Glass and they have lived in Springfield since 2000. Their daughter, Carolyn (22) graduated last year from Binghamton University. Their son, Jonah (17) is a Junior at Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield.

Joel Brimmer
Congregation B'nai Jeshurun
Staten Island, NY

Joel Brimmer will be continuing as President of Congregation B'nai Jeshurun in Staten Island.

Joel and his wife Sharon have been temple members since 1989; and Joel has been involved with the Men's Club since 1993. They have two sons; Scott a lawyer and Craig a teacher.



Joel has held many positions at the club level including President, Treasurer and Membership. This is his third term as President. Joel was President from 1999 to 2003 and from 2009 to 2013. His new term began in 2015. Joel is also a trustee on the regional level.

Joel has chaired the Yellow Candle and World Wide Wrap Programs. He has organized many other programs for CBJ such as the Art Auction, Scotch and Steak BBQ, trips to the Staten Island Yankees for Jewish Heritage Night, Texas Hold-Em tournaments and the Men's Health Forum.

Joel retired from Depository Trust Clearing Corporation where he was a senior analyst.

Al Baxter
Congregation B'nai Israel
Toms River



I grew up in Paramus NJ and attended Paramus High before going on to Fairleigh Dickinson University. After retiring from the Port Authority of NY & NJ I moved from the Bronx to a retirement community in Lakewood NJ. I am a member of Congregation B'nai Israel and sit on the board of directors. I am also past president of the Ocean Monmouth Amateur Radio Club. I am single and like to travel.

I look forward to the challenges of being president of the CBI Men's Club and meeting others throughout the Region.

Eric Weis
Shomrei Torah /
Wayne Conservative Congregation
Wayne



Eric is a legendary Men's Club member, continuing to make lasting contributions at the Club, Region and Federation organization levels. We all welcome him back to once again lead the Men's Club in Wayne.

Gary Silver
B'nai Shalom
West Orange



Gary was born in New York City and raised in Hazlet, NJ. His family were members of Temple Beth Ahm in Aberdeen, which sparked his interest in Judaism from an early age. He was actively involved in Kadima and USY throughout his high school years. When he entered Monmouth University, Gary and a friend formed the school's

first chapter of Alpha Epsilon Pi, as there were no Jewish fraternities on campus.

Gary graduated Monmouth University in 1989 with a B.S. in business management. He worked in a variety of sales positions before finding his niche in inventory control. Gary has worked diligently in the inventory field since 1997. In 2007, he began working at his current position as Inventory Control Manager at Outerstuff, Ltd. in New York City. He oversees the inventory operations for children's sports apparel, working as a liaison between manufacturers, printers and retailers. His department produces \$100 million worth of business for Outerstuff annually, and continues to grow.

Gary and his wife Nancy were married in 1997 and moved from Hackensack, NJ to West Orange in 1998, a few months before the birth of their first daughter, Melanie. Their second daughter, Michelle, was born in 2003. The Silver family have been members of B'nai Shalom since 2000. Both of their daughters attended the religious school, with Melanie becoming a Bat Mitzvah in 2011, and Michelle in 2016. Gary has been actively involved in B'nai Shalom's Men's Club since joining the synagogue, and has been its treasurer since 2010. He takes tremendous pride in the shul and is always ready to help in any way he can, whether shopping, cooking, delivering Purim baskets, setting up chairs or ushering for the High Holidays.

Gary would like to thank his Board Members Tom Phon, Ari Kampel, David Gleaner, and Barry Lovett for their hard work and support this past year. He is looking forward to another year of success with their assistance as he begins his second year serving as President. Gary and his family look forward to spending many more years at B'nai Shalom.



Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs

Quality Club Award Recipients

Beth El Synagogue	East Windsor, NJ
B'nai Shalom	West Orange, NJ
Congregation Agudath Israel	Caldwell, NJ
Congregation B'nai Israel	Toms River, NJ
Congregation Neve Shalom	Metuchen, NJ
East Brunswick Jewish Center	East Brunswick, NJ
Fair Lawn Jewish Center/Cong, B'nai Israel	Fair Lawn, NJ
Highland Park Conservative Temple-CAE	Highland Park, NJ
Ohev Shalom/Marlboro Jewish Center	Marlboro, NJ
Shomrei Torah/Wayne Conservative Cong.	Wayne, NJ
Temple Beth Ahm	Aberdeen, NJ
Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael	Springfield, NJ
Temple Beth El	Somerset, NJ
Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim	Cranford, NJ
Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah	Clark, NJ
Temple Beth Shalom	Livingston, NJ
Temple Israel & JCC	Ridgewood, NJ
Temple Sholom	Bridgewater, NJ

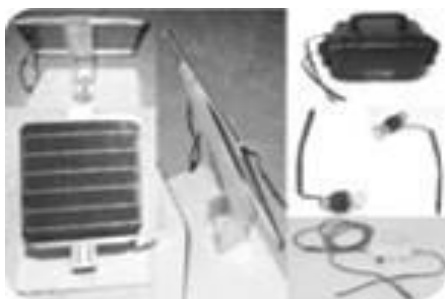
Ask one of the region officers how
your club can receive this award.

**Ask us about the FJMC initiatives
on
Shomrei Ha'aretz
(Stewards of the Land)**



**Soy Shabbat
Eco-Candles**

Eco-Plasticware



Solar Ner Tamid

Types of Men's Club Programs

Educational

FJMC Hearing Men's Voices
Authors as Speakers
CPR workshops
Kashrut
Medical Information
Judaic music, culture & arts
History of NJ Jewish
Community
Financial/Investment
Hebrew literacy
College Education
Teaching retarded Jews
Internet
Tefillin
Religious holidays
Torah reading
Study groups with the Rabbi
Keruv

Membership Interest

Athletic programs (softball)
Calendar of events
Chess
Stock Exchange Raffles
Business Networking
Roasts, Men of the Year
Father & Child Programs
Cults

Cultural

Poetry reading
Chamber music
Trips to the Jewish Museum in
NYC and Washington DC
Trips to the Museum of Jewish
Heritage in NYC
Trips to the Lower East Side
Trips to Boro Park

Religious

FJMC Hearing Men's Voices
Art of Jewish Living Series
Men's Club Shabbat
Erecting sukkah
Purim carnival
Hanukkah party
Holiday workshops
D'vrei Torah
World Wide Wrap
Holocaust, Yom HaShoah
High Holiday preparation
Ushering on Shabbat
Lag B'omer picnic
Holocaust essay contest
Torah silver polishing
Hebrew literacy programs

Fundraising

Weekend Vacation Raffle
50/50 raffle
Gift catalog
Membership sale
Sports leagues
Sports tournaments
Stock picking contest
Sporting events

Social

Shows & Dances
Purim costume party
New Year's Eve party
Paid up membership events
Breakfasts
Poker Nights
Kosher Bar-B-Ques
Monday Night Football

The Northern New Jersey Region... And You!

The Northern New Jersey Region is the link between more than 30 Men's Clubs from Conservative synagogues in New Jersey and Staten Island and the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, which serves more than 200 affiliated Clubs in the United States, Canada, Israel and Germany and the Masorti communities of the United Kingdom and France. Together, we strive to increase the level of Jewish observance, participation in synagogue life, and brotherhood among our members. We do this by sharing ideas and pooling our talents and resources.

"Working Together...

We strongly encourage our clubs to participate in our Region-wide "bookend" events: The Man Of The Year Dinner after Simchat Torah and The Presidents Installation Dinner every spring.

- We subsidize joint meetings among Clubs to build a stronger sense of community in our Region and enhance successful programming.
- We offer member clubs a Speakers Bureau to enrich their programs and provide a subsidy to defray costs.
- We subsidize your attendance at the FJMC Biennial Convention because we believe so strongly in its power to build camaraderie and provide Club leaders with great ideas to make Clubs better.
- We promote participation in the Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle™ Program to help our community remember Jewish victims of the Holocaust and stand together against hatred and bigotry.
- We provide resources to help Clubs and their synagogues meet critical community issues such as the Hebrew Christian challenge and the role of men as fathers and members of Conservative synagogues.

...We Can Do More"

Men's Clubs play a key role in the quality of Jewish life in the synagogue. Our variety of activities – educational, service, social and athletic – are designed to draw men to synagogue and expand their horizons.

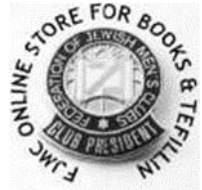


The Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs is an organization of about 300 Conservative/Masorti Jewish Men's groups, consisting of 25,000 individuals in Clubs all across North America and the world.

The FJMC involves Jewish men in Jewish life by building and strengthening Men's Clubs in the Conservative Movement.

Our objectives are to train and develop leaders to build and strengthen Men's Clubs; to create and implement programs to involve men in Jewish life; and to be an active and influential participant in the Conservative/Masorti Movement.

Wear your FJMC leadership lapel pin proudly. It is your entry card to any Conservative organization in America.



Keep in mind these important FJMC programs. If your Club isn't involved yet, talk to us. If you want to do them better, talk to us. NNJR can give you the best practices, taken from Clubs all across America!



FJMC CONVENTION 2019

Inspiring. Serious. Fun.

WHEN: Wednesday July 3 - Sunday July 7

WHERE: Toronto, Ontario, Canada

VENUE: Westin Harbor Castle



You don't want to miss our 2019 International Convention. Toronto is a great place for a family vacation, with the CN Tower, Ripley's Aquarium of Canada, St. Lawrence Market, Royal Alexandra Theatre, Steam Whistle Brewery, NHL Hockey Hall of Fame, Royal Ontario Museum, and a host of other attractions for your entire family.



Hatikva

Kol od balevav p'nimah	כָּל עוֹד בְּלֵבב פְּנִימָה,
Nefesh Yehudi homiyah	נֶפֶשׁ יְהוּדֵי הוֹמִיָּה.
Ulfa'atey mizrach kadimah	וּלְפָאֵתֵי מִזְרַח קְדִימָה
Ayin l'tzion tzofiyah	עַיִן לְצִיּוֹן צוֹפִיָּה.
Od lo avdah tikvatenu	עוֹד לֹא אָבְדָה תִּקְוַתֵּנוּ,
Hatikvah bat shnot alpayim	הַתִּקְוָה בַּת שְׁנוֹת אַלְפִּים,
L'hiyot am chofshi b'artzenu	לְהִיּוֹת עַם חֲפְשֵׁי בְּאַרְצֵנוּ,
Eretz Tzion v'Yerushalayim	אֶרֶץ צִיּוֹן וִירוּשָׁלַיִם.

As long as deep in the heart,
The soul of a Jew yearns,
And forward to the East
To Zion, an eye looks
Our hope will not be lost,
The hope of two thousand years,
To be a free nation in our land,
The land of Zion and Jerusalem

The title of the national anthem, HATIKVA, means "The Hope." It was written by Naftali Herz Imber (1856-1909), who moved to Palestine in 1882 from Galicia. The melody was arranged by Samuel Cohen, an immigrant from Moldavia, from a musical theme in Smetana's "Moldau" that is partly based on a Scandinavian folk song.



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**Thank you for coming,
please arrive home safely.**