# Northern New Jersey Region – FJMC Twenty-third Annual



Man of the Year/ Youth of the Year Dinner 2012/5773

> Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012 *The Grand Marquis, Old Bridge* Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012 *Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael, Springfield*

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#### Program for the Evening

The Grand Marquis - November 7, 2012 Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael - November 14, 2012

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6 PM

Check-in, Registration, Social Hour

7:30 PM

Ma'ariv Service

National Anthems

D'Var Torah

Club Man of the Year / Youth of the Year Presentations

Jeff Schulman, Regional President, Congregation Neve Shalom, Metuchen

Joel Kurtz, Executive Vice-President, Congregation B'nai Israel, Toms River

Regional Man of the Year Presentation

Joel Kurtz, Congregation B'Nai Israel, Toms River

8:30 PM

Dessert is Served

We would like to thank The Grand Marquis and Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael for their help making these dinners successful!

Thank you for attending.

Please Drive carefully and arrive home safely.

# 2012/5773 Men's Club Award Recipients

#### MAN OF THE YEAR

#### YOUTH OF THE YEAR

David Millman	NORTHERN NEW JERSEY REGION
Peter Cheifetz	BETH EL SYNAGOGUE - East WindsorSamantha Brandspiegel
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Ken Dietz	Congregation Beth Ohr - Old Bridge
Sid Krane	.Congregation Neve Shalom - MetuchenMicah Lubow
Dr. Gary Gross	Congregation Torat El—Ocean
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Harvey JaffeFAIR	Lawn Jewish Center/B'Nai Israel - Fair Lawn
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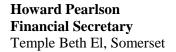
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**Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs** 

http://www.fjmc.org

#### A MESSAGE FROM OUR REGIONAL PRESIDENT

November 2012 Cheshvan 5773

Chaverim,

Welcome to our Man of the Year / Youth of the Year Dinners for 2012. Whether you are joining us at The Grand Marquis on November 7, or you are with us at Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael on November 14, we are all here for the same reason, to thank the Men and Youths in our Community for the time, effort and hard work that they all do in order to make our Jewish lives better. I join you in thanking them, and in thanking David Millman, our Regional Man of the Year, for all of the things that they do.

In a larger sense, however, I want to thank each of you for being with us for this event. The NNJR Man of the Year / Youth of the Year Events are not just for the people we have chosen to honor, it's for all of us. Our event is not only the signature event of the Northern New Jersey Region, it is also the largest annual Conservative / Mastori Dinner in the State of New Jersey, one that is anticipated by attendees every year, and one that the leadership of the NNJR look forward to planning every year. We love planning this event as much as you love attending.

My one goal as Regional President is to make our clubs stronger. It is only with vibrant clubs, and with men who strongly identify with those clubs that we have a strong region. My board and I have taken the challenge that our Honorary President Dave Mandell has given us to build upon the success of the past 2 years. We will continue to provide club officer training, and later this year we will be working with many of you on extending the FJMCs successful Hearing Men's Voices programs to your clubs. In addition, we have begun visiting with clubs throughout the region and have spoken with many club Presidents. We want to know what you need help with and we want to know what you are proud of. Together, we will work together, share ideas, build friendships and grow stronger. Together, we will continue to build a 21st Century NNJR that we will pass down to our children and to their children.

Just as running your clubs is not a one man operation, running the NNJR requires the dedicated work of many people. I am very proud of our Regional Officers, Exec VP Joel Kurtz, Regional VP's and District Roshes Elliott Brown, Dave Yellin and Denis Vogel, Communications VP Harvey Hershkowitz, Financial VP Rob Blitzer, Treasurers Al Davis and Marc Bunis, Financial Secretary Howard Pearlson, Recording Secretary Stuart Mantel, Honorary President Dave Mandell, Past Regional Presidents and Trustees. This is a group of dedicated guys that has taken to heart my charge to them, everybody works but nobody works alone. These are the guys that live, eat and breath Mens Club and these are the guys that I am proud to call my friends.

Jeff Schulman



#### THE FEDERATION OF JEWISH MEN'S CLUBS?

The mission of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs is to involve Jewish men in Jewish life. We improve the quality of Jewish life; contribute to the enhancement of our Conservative Jewish identity locally 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"I) 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.

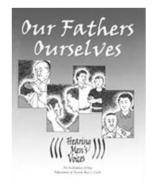
The FJMC plays an important role in the worldwide Conservative/Masorti movement. The current FJMC President, Mike Mills and Rabbi Charles Simon, our Executive Director, sit on the Leadership Council of Conservative Judaism. The council is composed of the leaders of the Jewish Theological Seminary, the 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: http://www.nnjr.org.

"WORKING TOGETHER, WE CAN DO SO MUCH MORE"
...HINEI MA TOV U"MANAYIM...

# **Hearing Men's Voices**

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

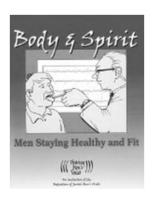


# OUR FATHERS, OURSELVES

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

#### **BODY & SPIRIT**

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



# Listering to God's Voice ((( Spring ))) (() Spring ))) Anatom of the state

# 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 in

#### **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 their involvement in Jewish life?

#### 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

#### MA ZOT? What Is This?

(Please do not discard this page. It contains Shemot and must be handled appropriately)

#### ארביר תולדות אייר לכבור ישקו בין אייר

מחללים אותו באמרכם שלחן אדיל מחשק מוא להכו הכלב אכלן : נאמו מפ הנה מתלשה והפחקם אותו אמר ירוה בנוות והבאתם בייל ואת הפסק ואת: החולה והבאתם את השמתה הארצי אוֹלָב מֹהַבְּכֹּם אָמַר יִּנְקְינוּ : וְאַרִוּר מִפָּׁר ווש בעדרו ופר ומדר ויבני פשתר فهدة مرفقة قدام وفد المال בבאות ושבי טבא בשנם: ועודעו אַלְיַבֶּלָּם בַּיִּמִּאָנָרָה בַּנְּאַיזו בַּעְּבָּנְיִם וּ אָפּדּלְ תשמעו ואם ילא תשימו על לב לוחח وجزيد درهوم فاعتر أبدات فعجبه المادالهة בַּבָּשׁ אַת־הַנְּאָרָה וְאַרוּוֹיְגַי אָר מינית פניש על שוולם פריש שלים על כני הני ער על הי לפא אתי בירות בי ועל ארומים כי הינכם ונה,לם ונאש שנופת מלה ו נוב הנים צי שלטוני אלילם אני פפולט פושע לולות פרונין ארב בןן אפר זיינה צבאות: בריתי ופיפה אולו הקים יונישליום ושותם ילו מונדא ויינד אני ומפני שני נחות הוא: ישרות אמות מישה בשיחו ועוברו לא נמצא شفهنكم فكذرج يخضهم كظرا איהני וורקים היקיב פעון: קי שפווי כתן ישמרוי ליעת ותוחה יבקשה משתו ה מלאו יווות גלאות היוום

> מערם ע"י יוסף ויוכבר סמח

تنظه فخدرنيثك بحر نطديقر خنا מנְפָּב : אונִבּיה אינִבּק אמו... יי ביייי ואַפּורָקט פּמָה אַהַבְּקַט הַלוֹאָיאָח עשו משו שמשני ואשום את נינת שמשני קמלק שם יכוני נאנים את המלביואנ ושתי שו לתני לתניות שרבר: בייומשיר אַרום רַשָּׁשָׁנוּ וְלַשׁיב וְנִבְּעָר וְזָרָשׁׁוֹת בָּה אַפֿע, װשָּׁט אַפֿאָנע פֿפֿע געא נוֹאַג אַנְיבֹרָנִם ושלום שומנת שלק ותוני פולק כליבוב אלם השנה מר. מולם : ומתלם הרשוני ופרש לצים ילית רשמה ונולם שאיר. אַרָאַכ : עון נכבר אָב וֹמֹכֹּב אָבְּנְיוֹ (אָת אב אלה אניני לכוניה נאם אנונום אני אניו שר וניונים בבשות לכם הפהנים שות שמר ושמר אלה במה בזיע אר هُمَّاكُ ؛ تعدرهُ إِن عَاجُند كُول مَاجُند كُون عَدِجُدر ואמרשם פפני האלעף באמר בם שלתן און לית וכן נולחו פפנו ועולך... אין אין אים לינות וכן המון היות לינות לינות לינות ביות ביות אין אין אין אין אין בע הַהַריבָה עוֹ לְצֵיוּהָה הַיִּרְבְּה בּיֹיִר בְּהָּ לא פניף אַפַר יהנה בְּבָּאוֹת : וְעַנְּנְה יישה של של מיותי מיורכם הייתרה ושת הישוא מכם פנים אמר יהורה هُمْر خَوْك خَوْس دَوْشُك رَمْ يَادُكُ عَهَدِد هَنْفِكَ لِنَاعَ كِبَارِدِ بَاهُا فَجُتَ هُوَلُونِد: هَنْ تَعَ خَوْمِ لَيَكُونَ لِيَوْنُ وَلَهُ בו פי ממתרוז-שמש ועדיםבואו שמי באוב ופפל. שלום פולה פולם לשם ופוחה סטובה ביינול קשי שוים אפר ירונה אבאות: ושתם

This is a portion of the FJMC Sefer Haftarah, a project initiated by our Federation in 2003. The entire scroll of Haftarot readings circulates around FJMC regions and NNJR is scheduled to have it again this year. If you have not seen this ritual object, make it a point to find out where the Sefer will be when it comes to NJ. Individual portions can be commissioned to be produced by soferim (scribes) in Israel, and they make wonderful gifts for Bar and Bat Mitzvah families.

For additional info, go to http://www.fimc.org/index.php?option=com\_content&view=article&id=64&Itemid=86

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







DELUXE

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/index.php?option=com\_virtuemart&page=shop.browse&category\_id=19&Itemid=131

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:: http://www.worldwidewrap.org/

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!





# YOM HASHOAH YELLOW CANDLE™ PROGRAM

# Always Participate Never Forget the Six Million April 8, 2013 – 28 Nisan 5773

#### Zachor! G'dank!

#### What is the Yellow Candle<sup>™</sup> 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.

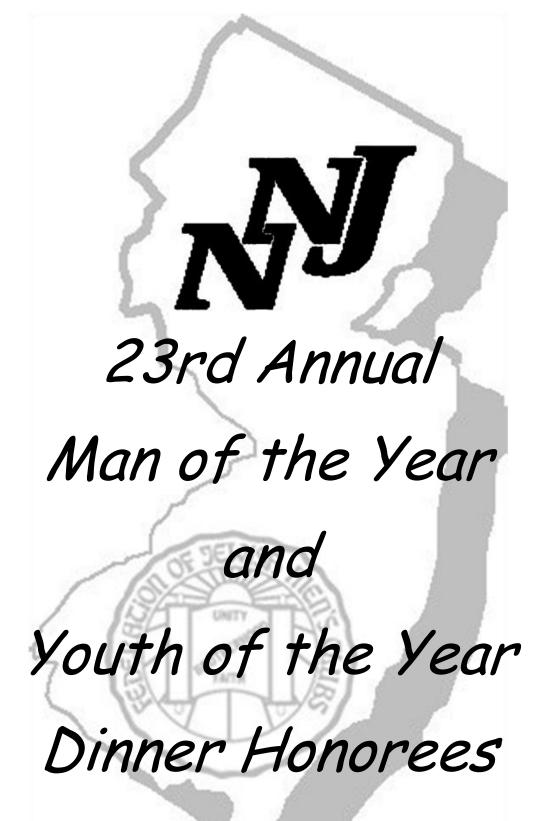
**Charities**. Yellow Candle programs can be a source of funding for other meaningful programs related to Yom HaShoah. For example, the Blue Card Fund benefits indigent survivors. Other clubs target funds for local Holocaust memorials, libraries, gardens, Holocaust Museum trips and scholarships for USY Pilgrimage summer programs.

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



Conservative/Masorti Men at the Crossroads: Responding to a Changing World

July 24-28, 2013
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Boston North Shore
Danvers, Massachusetts



# David Millman Northern New Jersey Regional Man of the Year



David Millman finished up a 2-year term as President of the Brandeis Men's Club at Temple Israel, in Ridgewood NJ, in June, 2006. Following in the footsteps of the late Harry Grant, David immediately became active in the Northern NJ Region (NNJR) of the FJMC, and has held the positions of Trustee, Corresponding Secretary, Vice President and Northern District Rosh. He has actively participated in NNJR meetings, programs, activities and Retreats, and attended all the FJMC Conventions since 2003. He has also chaired and co-chaired a variety of Regional programs: Man of the Year Dinner (for the North), Man of the Year Ad Journal, Yellow Candles, President's Dinner, and Ritual for the Multi-Regional Retreat. David is grateful to be part of the team that continuously elevates NNJR as a shining star within the FJMC, and is thankful for the accomplishments and lasting friendships. As an engineer by trade, David is most proud of the free-standing, quick-folding, lightweight stand he designed and crafted for the NNJR banner, which was quite the envy of the other Regions as it stood tall and steady above their banners at Retreat.

#### Peter Cheifetz Beth El Synagogue - East Windsor



Peter became a member of Beth El Synagogue when he and his wife Joyce moved to the neighborhood three years ago. He became involved with the Men's Club, helping out with the Cooking Club and Passover Wine Sale and recently helped put together a successful and delicious fundraiser, "Steakhouse in the Sukkah." He is currently club Co-President and has held the position of Vice President, Membership and represents the Men's Club as Liaison to the Board of Trustees. He is always there to lend a helping hand. Through the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, he participated in its Leadership Development Initiative (LDI) retreat, held outside Baltimore in early 2011.

Outside of Beth El, Peter is a veterinary pharmaceutical scientist developing drug products for household pets and other animals. He has been

active in Get Your Guts in Gear - the ride for Inflammatory Bowel Disease as well as the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America. He enjoys bike riding and cooking.

#### Samantha Brandspiegel Beth El Synagogue - East Windsor



Samantha Brandspiegel is a senior at the Abraham Joshua Heschel School in New York City, which she commutes to every day from her home in East Windsor, NJ. Samantha has been involved in the Beth El Community and the greater Jewish community for many years. She is a member of the Gesher LeKesher Peer Leadership Program, which she began after completing three years of Hebrew High School at Beth El. She has been involved in the Jewish Community Youth Foundation, a philanthropy program for Jewish Teens, since the 8th grade.

She serves as a role model for the youth, as she is a regular at synagogue services where she often leads services and reads Torah. In addition, she has been a B'nai Mitzvah tutor and an aide at the Beth El

Religious School. Samantha has been involved in Kadima/USY since the 6th grade. She has served as the Chapter Religion/Education Vice President, a member of the Regional General Board, and the Regional Religion/Education Vice President. Samantha is currently the Chapter President for East Windsor USY. She had the opportunity to co—chair Maccabiah (Color War) at this past year's USY Encampment, as well as staff Kadima events last year.

At school, Samantha is a member of Student Government and a leader in the Egalitarian Minyan. She also played Varsity basketball during her junior year. This past summer, Samantha worked as a Junior Counselor at the JCC Abrams Day Camp. She is currently a member of the JCC Teen Committee for the JCC of Princeton-Mercer-Bucks.

Samantha is proud to be Beth El's Youth of the Year and plans to continue making a difference and being a part of the Jewish community for many years to come.

#### **Marty Schenker**

#### Congregation Agidath Israel - Caldwell



Attended American University in Washington D.C. for undergraduate and graduate studies. Received MA: Special Education Learning Disabilities. Marty is a Special Education Teacher with more than 17 years experience. During the past 13 years Marty has been working with Assistive and Instructional Technology to support students with various disabilities at Bergen County Special Services School District. He also provides staff development with various software and technology hardware to teacher in various school district. He is married to Elisa Schenker, a Guidance Counselor at Golda Och Academy. They have a daughter Jordan Ruth, who is in the 10 th grade at Golda Och Academy. She is an exceptional student and tri-athlete. (Tennis, Basketball & Softball) Marty enjoys traveling with his family, golf, music and supporting the CAI community.

#### Gaby Roth Congregation Agidath Israel – Caldwell



Gaby Roth is a senior at West Essex Senior High School in North Caldwell. An honors student, National Merit Commended Student and National AP Scholar, Gaby is also a member of the National Honor Society as well as the National Spanish, Art and English Honor Societies. Most recently, Gaby was selected as a "Shop Rite Star" for academics. In addition to her academic achievements, Gaby has been playing piano for many years, earning a Superior rating for 9 consecutive years in National Federation of Music Competitions, and is also a gifted artist. In her spare time, Gaby also played field hockey for four years.

Gaby is a committed journalist, currently serving as the Opinion Section Editor for her high school newspaper, the Wessex Wire. She has married her journalistic endeavors with her passion for Israel by participating in the Write

On For Israel Advocacy Program, an intensive two-year program that trains a select group of high school students to become advocates for Israel through journalism. A project of the Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest NJ, Write On For Israel empowers students to advocate for Israel through writing, broadcasting, and public speaking.

For the past four years, Gaby's primary focus outside of school has been United Synagogue Youth (USY). Gaby has served on her chapter board, as chapter president, and is now the Regional President for the Hagalil (New Jersey) Region, along with her position on the International Membership General Board. Gaby's unbridled enthusiasm and creativity, along with her strong leadership skills, have energized the organization and empowered her peers to become leaders in their own right. In particular, Gaby's communications, whether via e-mails, videos or speeches before a crowd of hundreds, have delivered the message that Conservative Judaism is alive and well and has a great deal to offer to our youth. Gaby has also engaged with the adult leaders of our movement to build a new sense of cooperation with our USYers.

Gaby has visited Israel six times, including twice this year with Write On and USY Israel Pilgrimage, and plans to spend a "gap year" there beginning in September with USY's Nativ Program.

#### **Marc Bunis**

#### Congregation B'Nai Israel - Toms River



Marc is excited to be honored this year as his clubs' man of the year. Marc is the most recent past president of the congregation's men's club. He attended the International convention in 2011, and is looking forward to attending again in 2013. He is an officer on the NNJR Regional Board, serving as the Assistant Treasurer, and has attended many regional events. Marc is currently is the 2nd Vice President of Congregation B'nai Israel in Toms River. He is the owner of Shore Points Insurance Agency, an independent insurance agency. He hails from Cranford, NJ. Marc is a graduate of Syracuse University, where his children (twins) Matthew and Marisa are currently sophomores and earned his MBA from Queens University in Charlotte, NC where he and Jill lived for eight years. Marc and Jill have been married for 27 years. He enjoys traveling, especially cruising and smokes cigars weekly with a few close friends, with whom he enjoys solving the problems of the world.

He is also an active member of his local chapter of BNI International, a business networking group. Marc comes from an active temple family and credits them for his involvement today.

# Leah Kempton

#### Congregation B'Nai Israel - Toms River



I'm a junior at Toms River High School North. I am also the president of Toms River USY. USY a huge part of my life and has changed me from the start. I'm much more outgoing and have so many new friends. I'm interested in going to a school for culinary arts. I don't know exactly what field I want to be in yet. My favorite subject in school is chemistry, I love having it come to me so easily and doing the experiments. USY, cooking, and my friends are all I need to stay focused and happy.

#### **Ronnie Ben-Aron**

#### Congregation B'Nai Jeshurun - Staten Island

For most of our Men's Club members the initiation process is you join a congregation and then join the Men's Club of that congregation. Ronnie Ben-Aron took a different path. While serving as President of the local Kiwanis Club he was ably assisted by his Vice President David Landsberg, who was a member of Congregation B'nai Jeshurun. When David became president of the CBJ Men's Club he asked Ronnie to join the Men's Club and work with him. Ronnie would go on to serve as President of the Men's Club which meant joining the congregation. Today his main function in the Men's Club is running the monthly Texas Hold-Em tournaments. He was a first time attendee at the Men's Club retreat this past June.

Ronnie's commitment to Jewish causes comes from his parents. His father, Chaim, is a Holocaust survivor who came to Israel as a refugee in 1945 and his mother of blessed memory, Sara immigrated to Israel from her native Argentina in 1955. They married in Israel in 1958 and came to the United States in 1960. Ronnie and his two brothers, Marvin who is currently the CBJ President and Rabbi Mark were born in 1961, '62 and '67 respectively. They visited Israel as a family first in 1970 and again in 1974. These trips instilled in Ronnie a passion for Israel and the Jewish people that

influences much of his life. In the late seventies and eighties he was active in the causes of Soviet Jewry and against the Israeli withdrawal from Sinai. As an active member of the Zionist Organization of America he has studied under the auspices of the Honorable Edward Siegel who worked with US Ambassador Walt Rostow in drafting UN Resolution 242 and Ronnie has spoken to both Jewish and non-Jewish groups about the significance of this resolution as well as participating in debates dealing with the Arab-Israeli dispute.

Today Ronnie serves as a teacher in the CBJ Hebrew School working with the Daled and Hey classes. He also provides the occasional d'var Torah at Friday night and Shabbat morning services that are often controversial and thought provoking.

As far as other interests go, Ronnie enjoys (?) rooting for the Mets and Jets and talking politics. In addition to his CBJ affiliation Ronnie serves as a Trustee in the Richmond County Kiwanis Club and is a member of the Republican County Committee. He is planning on writing a book on the current state of American Zionism, that debunks some of the popular myths spread by others who have written on this topic.

#### Alyxandra Magnus

#### Congregation B'Nai Jeshurun - Staten Island



Alyxandra Magnus has been a member of Congregation B'nai Jeshurun since birth. She went to Hebrew School there for six years, before becoming a Bat Mitzvah on her birthday in 2009. Now she frequently attends Friday night services where she is able and willing to participate in leading the services. This past September she became the youngest member to make the Kol Nidre appeal. She is also, now for the third year in a row, president of the Kadima and USY chapter at her temple. Alyxandra also waitresses for the catering hall and does community service at her temple. She helps set up for the High Holidays and makes the Purim baskets along with work for the

Hebrew school. But her work in the Jewish community doesn't stop there. For the past nine years, Alyxandra has been volunteering at the Interfaith Seder for Building Bridges, and hopes to continue in the years to come. She also does work with the JCC. She starting just going to Pre-K and after school programs there, along with the day camp. She has done volunteer work with the JCC and was a CIT last year for Shalom in the camp. Hopefully, next year she will be a counselor for the same group. Also, in the summer Alyxandra attends French Woods Festival of performing Arts Sleep away camp and has been going for seven years. She has a busy summer, and an even busier school year. Her high grades; Valedictorian of elementary school and 3-year Arista student in junior high school, have gotten her into Staten Island Technical High School where she ended her freshman year with a 100 average. After school she participates in SING and Spring Musical, as well as the Literary Magazine, Junior Statesmen of America, Jubilee Club, Harry Potter Club and Project Disney. Besides doing volunteer work with Harry Potter Club, Jubilee Club and Project Disney, Alyxandra volunteers at school helping out with Open Houses, SHSAT testing days, Parent-Teacher Conferences, and Homecoming. Outside of school she takes guitar lessons, in on the Penro Junior Bowling League, takes kickboxing, goes to Wagner College for a master theater class, and is a part of a theater group best known as The Theater Brats. With The Theater Brats, Alyxandra has performed at multiple nursing homes, has put on an annual Holiday Show, and has helped different charity organizations. Recently her theater group raised money and performed for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life and Breast Cancer Walk and Autism Speaks. Separately Alyxandra also volunteers at the unity Games and donates her hair to Locks of Love. She hopes to donate her hair for a third time in the near future. Right now, in the little spare time Alyxandra has, she is writing a book she hopes to publish before college. The in college she wants to major in Journalism and minor in either foreign language or drama and theatre arts. Afterwards, she hopes to participate in the Disney College Program. Alyxandra is extremely proud to be the youth of the year form her temple and will continue to be active in the temple and youth community for a very long time.

#### Bill Greenberg Congregation B'Nai Tikvah—North Brunswick



A former Men's Club president, Bill has served B'nai Tikvah as vice presidents of school and youth, ways and means and membership. Most recently he has coordinated volunteers for B'nai Tikvah's very successful REJOICE festival each fall. Presently he serves as Men's Club representative on B'nai Tikvah's Board of Directors.

From June to October, Bill and wife Ellie enjoy sailing with family and friends on their sailboat ENCORE on Barnegat Bay and Toms River. A retired public school teacher and administrator, Bill enjoys golf with friends and performing in Broadway musicals with the North Brunswick Adult Drama Group every March. His hobby of building vintage balsa model airplanes helps get him through the non-boating season.

Bill and wife Ellie have been members of B'nai Tikvah for thirty years. Ellie has been active in Sisterhood and has been named a Sisterhood Woman of Valor. Daughters Beth and husband Dave live in Manhattan. Jessica and husband Tom and granddaughters Morgan and Maya live in Milltown. Life is good!

#### Steve Garsh Congregation Beth Israel - Scotch Plains



Steve, his wife Barbara, and their children Adam, Jennifer and Brian have been active members of Congregation Beth Israel, Scotch Plains for the past 19 years. Over that time, the family has taken on numerous voluntary roles at the temple, including organizing Sisterhood events, preparing food for the Akiba academy, assisting Hebrew school classes, chaperoning USY trips, and various other activities. Steve, who served as the President of the Men's Club from 2010 through 2012, is currently serving on the Executive Board as a temple Vice President. Among the highlights of Steve's term as Men's Club President, were organizing very successful Hanukkah and End of School Year Parties and Picnics, which in addition to being well attended, were provided free to all temple members; organizing/hosting various social events for Men's Club members and their families; organizing/participating in various fund

raising events; and helping with various civic and religious events, such as blood drives, Yom Hashoah candle delivery, Sukkah building, etc.

Steve grew up in Flatbush, where he attended Brooklyn College. Shortly after marrying Barbara, he began a thirty-five year Law Enforcement career, starting as a uniformed Customs Inspector at JFK International Airport and later, Bermuda. In May 1983, the family moved to New Jersey, and Steve served in various capacities, including: Intelligence Research Specialist; Division Director of a Vice President's Narcotics Task Force; Chief of the Export and Commercial Fraud Intelligence Enforcement Branch; U.S. Customs Special Agent assigned to financial crime and smuggling investigations; and Resident Agent in Charge for the Office of Internal Affairs, later reorganized into the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Office of Professional Responsibility. After retiring in June 2012, Steve became conducting background investigations to ensure suitability of federal employees and contractors for national security

clearances. Although Steve has several hobbies (including bike riding, photography, vegetable gardening, etc.), he decided to resume full time employment, and will soon begin a new career as a manager within the New Jersey Attorney General's Office, Division of Consumer Affairs.

#### **Gabrielle Sabony**

#### **Congregation Beth Israel - Scotch Plains**



Gabrielle Sabony is a senior at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School in Scotch Plains, N.J. She has been very active in Kadima and USY on the chapter, regional, and international levels, having held the positions of Freshman Representative and Membership/Programming V.P. She is currently the Scotch Plains USY Chapter President and is serving her third consecutive year on the Hagalil USY Regional General Board.

Gabi has been the Tot Shabbat leader and a classroom assistant at Congregation Beth Israel's Religious School for many years, and has been a camp counselor at Camp Yachad at the JCC of Central New Jersey. Gabi is very active in social-action programs, currently volunteering at a youth center where she reads to and plays with underprivileged preschoolers. For many

years, Gabi has been a member of the Super Sunday committee of the Jewish Federation of Central NJ (now the Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest NJ).

This past summer Gabi spent 6 weeks traveling the country on USY on Wheels, which she says was her best summer ever.

Gabi is looking forward to her college years, and hopes to staff Kadima and USY events in the future.

# **Ken Dietz Congregation Beth Ohr - Old Bridge**



Ken has been a member of Congregation Beth Ohr for the past six years. During this time he has been a regular attendee to Sunday morning services and the Men's Club breakfasts. He has been a valued member of the Succoth-building team and has been primarily responsible for changing the Torah covers and bimah curtains every year for the Jewish holidays.

In addition, he has offered his time as an usher for the Jewish holidays. Ken has also taken a direct role in programming for the Men's Club, having given speeches on tax planning and IRS audits the past two years. In addition, he has contributed his time to various Sisterhood events over the past six years as well.

During the past two years, Ken has paid for all of the various paper goods used by the Synagogue, Men's Club, Sisterhood, and other arms of the

synagogue for meals,

Kiddush's, and special events.

Ken is a Certified Public Accountant, maintaining his office in Freehold, New Jersey. Ken and his wife Dara live in East Brunswick, New Jersey. They have two daughters, Jackie (26) and Roni (23).

#### Sid Krane

#### **Congregation Neve Shalom - Metuchen**



I have been a member of a Men's Club for 50 years; 41.5 years in the Colonia Chapter and 9-1/2 years in the Metuchen Chapter. During my years in Men's Club I have held various positions including Ritual Vice President, Programming Vice President and Fund Raising. I have also been active on the Temple Board of Directors for 39 years and served 1 term as Synagogue President in Colonia. In 2000 I was chosen as Congregant of the Year in Colonia.

One should not "toot their own horn", but as I have been requested to prepare my biography I would also like to add an additional "toot"; I have been sounding Shofar on Rosh Hashanah for 49 years.

All this experience helped me to improve self confidence including a better outlook on life in general, in the work-place and strength in proper decision making.

I was born and lived in Brooklyn, New York. After 25 years, I married and moved to New Jersey; I have never regretted this. My wife and I raised three boys; Mark, Michael and Kevin, and each have two children.

I had worked in the printing, typesetting and graphic arts field for close to 49 years. My experience led me to being a Customer Service Manager, Plant Manager and Estimating, Pricing and Billing Manager.

I have received a few awards of recognition from the Typographical Association of New York. A "Todah Rabah" to the Men's Club for choosing me for this honor. Also a "Yashe Koach" to Micah Lubow, the Men's Club Youth of the Year.

Baruch tihiyeh,

#### Micah Lubow

#### **Congregation Neve Shalom - Metuchen**



Micah Lubow is a senior at Golda Och Academy in West Orange. His involvement in the synagogue community began at a young age. He has attended a Jewish Day School for his entire life, along with a congregational religious school. He currently works at the Neve Shalom Religious School as a Madrich / Teacher's Assistant and as an assistant for the synagogue's Tot Shabbat program.

His involvement in the Conservative movement has also extended into his social life. Micah has been extremely involved in United Synagogue Youth programs. After finishing three active years in Kadima he served on the Cranford Chapter Board as Freshman Representative, then the Metuchen Chapter Board as Social Action and Tikun Olam (SATO) Vice President. He has served on the SATO Regional General Board for two years. Finally, he is

currently the Hagalil Regional Social Action and Tikun Olam Vice-President for 2012-2013. He has also attended two International Conventions, and was a participant of USY on Wheels (Bus A 2010).

Outside of USY he has been a member of a Jewish Boy Scout Troop, and is currently an Eagle Scout candidate. He also is his school's yearbook editor-in-chief.

# **Dr. Gary Gross Congregation Torat El—Ocean**



Gary Gross, MD has been a dedicated member of the Congregation Torat El community. He and his family moved to Monmouth County in 1986, to begin practicing Allergy & Clinical Immunology, after training in Washington, DC and Los Angeles. They joined the synagogue 26 yrs ago, and have remained active ever since. He has been on the Mens Club Board for 10 yrs, and has just completed his 2-yr term as president. He has served on the temple Board of Directors, and has been involved with various temple initiatives and activities.

His wife, Laurie, has been a Sisterhood president, is a current Board member, and chairs the temple's fund-raising committee. His children, Adam, a senior at Johns Hopkins Univ., and Alana, a sophomore at Ocean Township HS, have been active in temple life as well, reading Torah, and participating in Kadima and USY.

He looks forward to continuing his support of Mens Club leadership and programs.

# **Ken Gerson East Brunswick Jewish Center**



Aside from being an active member of the East Brunswick Jewish Center, for the past three years Ken has served as the Vice President of the Men's Club Religious Committee. In that role he is involved in numerous activities during the High Holidays, assisting in the Worldwide Wrap program and planning/coordinating Men's Club Shabbat, to name a few.

In addition to the Men's Club, Ken volunteers to help other arms of the Synagogue.

According to Ken, East Brunswick Jewish Center Men's Club is a proactive committee that serves an important role in our Synagogue. The Men's Club facilitates many interesting lectures and spirited programs that will appeal to a wide reaching audience.

For the past 12 years Ken has been a Consultant working as a Business Analyst at various International Banks, around the country. He also managed the Electronic Wire Transfer department for 22 years at two international banks.

Ken and his wife, Helene, have been members of East Brunswick Jewish Center for 17 years. They have three children, Michael, Jacqueline and Eliana.

#### David Kosher East Brunswick Jewish Center



David Kosher is currently a senior at East Brunswick High School. He has attended the East Brunswick Jewish Center Hebrew High School since his freshman year and is a member of USY. For each of the past four years, he has been a teacher's assistant for the seventh grade Hebrew School class as part of his community service. During the summer, he is a junior counselor at the synagogue's camp, Gan B'Kayitz, and he has worked there for the past three years. At school, David was recently inducted into the EBHS Science Honor Society and he wants to continue studying math and science related topics in college while pursuing a major in computer engineering. David enjoys movies, playing video games and watching sports while rooting for the Mets, Jets, Nets and Devils.

#### Ben Weinfeld East Brunswick Jewish Center



Ben is a senior at East Brunswick High School (EBHS). He has been a member of East Brunswick Jewish Center's (EBJC) Kadima and USY youth groups since 6th grade. For the last 2 years, Ben has served on the EBJC USY board as the Vice President of Religious Education. On the USY regional level, Ben is a member of the Abraham Joshua Heschel Honor Society. This year, Ben is also serving as the leader for the EBJC Chavarim group, a 4th and 5th grade youth group designed to foster a love of Judaism in a social environment. Ben is currently enrolled in Hebrew High School at EBJC. Outside of his synagogue activities, Ben is a member of the EBHS Robotics club and the Junior Engineering Technical Society Competition Team. He is also a Model Congress participant. Ben was inducted into both the National Honor Society and French Honor Society last year. He is also an avid

snowboarder and fencer, and hopes to become nationally ranked shortly. Ben is looking forward to attending college next year and is planning to major in Electrical and Computer Engineering.

#### Harvey Jaffe Fair Lawn Jewish Center/B'Nai Israel - Fair Lawn



Harvey has always been involved in Jewish organizations and activities - In his early years with Young Judea, AZA, Pre-USY and USY and later with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism where he served as Regional Vice President for eight and half years. In 1999 Harvey began an unprecedented five year term as President of The Bergen County High School of Jewish Studies and remained active on the Board of Directors for 12 years. During that time he chaired the school's 25th Anniversary Celebration Reception and Ad Journal and chaired numerous other school committees. During his tenure at BCHSJS, Harvey was instrumental in increasing student enrollment, creating the position of Director of Student Life and Family Programs, launching the Alumni Continuity Initiative and securing and

funding new office space for the administrative staff. He also increased the schools recognition in the community and raised capital through innovative programming.

Harvey has been an active member of The Fair Lawn Jewish Center, Congregation Bnai Israel, where he has held various positions in their Men's Progress Club and the Synagogues governing body culminating in his tenure as President of both organizations. During his tenure as president of the Men's Progress Club, he was instrumental in purchasing the Center's first computer system and reviving the Club to the splendor he remembered as a youth. As a 30 year Member of the Temple's Board of Directors, he began several initiatives and either chaired or served on a multitude of different committees. During his term as President of the Congregation, he collaborated with professional and lay leaders to reverse trends of budget deficits and oversaw the refurbishing of the Activities Level of the Center.

Always goal oriented, Harvey started The Mitzvah Tour over a decade ago with the purpose of raising funds in America and distributing them to various non-profits in Israel. Since its inception and with help of friends, he raised over \$150,000 for organizations such as Yad L'kashish, Yad Sarah, Shaare Tzedek and Hadassah Hospitals and The Clara Hammer Chicken Fund. While in Israel, he purchased toys and candy at local stores and then distributed them to pediatric wards of the two hospitals. Harvey also derived great pleasure in visiting the border outposts to present Israeli Soldiers with boxes of freshly baked pastries and barekas.

In his professional life, Jaffe was an award winning salesman in the decorative textile industry for over 33 years and served as a member of the Design Team and Steering Committee. Harvey currently teaches at Pine Brook Jewish Center, where he shares his love of Judaism and enthusiasm for helping others. In addition to his tireless efforts for his beloved Fair Lawn Jewish Center, Harvey has just started his 3rd year on the Board of Directors of Jewish Family Services of North Jersey, and is beginning his 4th year as a Member of the Board of The Florence Melton Mini-School Consortium. As a member of The New Jersey Jewish Heritage Society's Synagogue Project, Harvey is co-writing the history of the Fair Lawn Jewish Center. Last May, Harvey became a Board Member of The Jewish Federation of North Jersey's Synagogue Leadership Board of Directors. In spite of all of his Board and committee obligations, Harvey found the time to write and direct the entertainment portion of the Men's Progress Club's 70th Anniversary Celebration.

In his spare time, Harvey enjoys taking classes, traveling and the watching theatre.

Of all of his accomplishments; his love and commitment to Jewish Education and Values, Israel, his synagogue and community, the one that gives him the most joy is his children, Matthew, Kari, Marissa and Simon.

#### Ray Sabin

#### **Highland Park Conservative Temple - Highland Park**



Ray Sabin grew up in Bergen County and attended public school in Westwood. After a stint in the U.S. Air Force, serving in Texas and the Far East, he went to Fairleigh Dickinson College, Montclair State College, and the School of Library Service at Rutgers University. He taught English for several years in Cranford, after which he went to South Brunswick High School as its librarian. Ray retired in 1994.

Ray delivered Meals On Wheels for several years. Since late 1994 he has been a volunteer, mainly a reader, for Learning Ally, also known as Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic. He is active in the Middlesex County Retired Educators' Association and the New Jersey Retired Educators' Association, serving on their health benefits committees.

Ray has been a member of the Men's Club of the Highland Park Conservative Temple - Congregation Anshe Emeth since 2007, when

Congregation Anshe Emeth in South River merged with Highland Park. He eventually became a

member of the Men's Club board, where his activities have been principally involved with organizing speakers' programs and serving as liaison to the Temple's education committee.

He is married to Esther B. Sabin, a former teacher and probation officer. They have two sons: Noah, a neuroradiologist at St. Jude's in Memphis, Tennessee; and Jonathan, director of the Office on Autism and Office for Prevention of Developmental Disabilities for New Jersey. Noah attended Columbia University, Boston College Law School, and medical school at SUNY Buffalo; he is married to Joanne, a pediatrician who went to Wellesley and New York School of Medicine at Valhalla. Jonathan went to Rutgers and Columbia University; he is married to Lisa, a Rutgers graduate, who is marketing director for ConsumerLab.com.

Ray and Esther, who live in East Brunswick, have five grandchildren.

#### Sam Trub Highland Park Conservative Temple - Highland Park



Sam Trub, a high school junior, is the son of Jerry Trub and Teri Manes, and the younger brother of Leora and Daniel Trub. He is currently copresident of the Highland Park Conservative Temple - Congregation Anshe Emeth USY chapter. Sam has been a member of Kadima and USY since 2007. Sam is also a member of a Shomer Shabbat Boy Scout Troop where he is currently working on his Eagle project with the goal of making Eagle this school year. His project is to set up the library in the Temple, organize and clean books which went through the fire that the Temple had in 2006, set up a cataloging and circulation system.

This past summer he was on the American Jewish Society for Service program in Louisville, Kentucky. There, he and 15 other Jewish teenagers

participated in volunteer projects doing construction, visiting with nursing home residents and recreational activities with inner city kids. Sam especially liked the independence and camaraderie fostered in the group by having them live communally and prepare their own meals. Earlier this year, Sam spoke to the congregation about his participation in a program called Impact DC that focused on community service and political action. He described one particularly meaningful experience was doing community outreach to the homeless in Washington DC that moved many in the congregation. In his secular life Sam plays doubles on the high school varsity tennis team, participates in Model UN and Model Congress, and plays saxophone in the school band. On Shabbat and Chagim he can sometimes be found reading Torah and megillot.

#### **Howard Sharfran**

#### Ohev Shalom/Marlboro Jewish Center – Marlboro

First, I wish to thank the members of the Marlboro Men's Club who have volunteered valuable tome to make our Men's Club on ongoing service to our community. My involvement in the Men's club was almost an afterthought when I though of being more involved in the Jewish Community. It has brought me close the community as well as reignited Jewish customs I had in Orange County, New York as a youth.

I am blessed and quite thankful for the family I have with my wife Sandi and our three children Max, Andy and Sophie. My passion once was sports and now has become my three kids. They are all excellent kids and are learning about Jewish culture, history and traditions. I am the youngest of three from my parents Rubin and Helene Shafran. Both of my brothers Peter and Jonathan also were taught about the recent struggles of Jewish life and survival through my fathers account of the Holocaust and his memories of the Polish underground in the forests for several years.

I have lived in Marlboro for over 14 years and have been a member of M.J.C. As a professional, I have worked in the mortgage and title insurance industry for twenty seven years. I once again thank the Marlboro Men's Club for friendships that have ensued as a result of our involvement.

#### Jared Sherman Ohev Shalom/Marlboro Jewish Center – Marlboro



Jared Sherman is an extraordinary young man. He is in his senior year at Colts Neck High School where he is involved in a wide array of activities in and out of school. He strives to excel in everything he does from academics to his involvement in volunteer work. At school, he maintains exceptional grades while serving as the Vice President of the Model United Nations, National Honor Society, Peer Leadership, marching and concert bands and the newly formed Jewish Student Union. His love for the arts has earned him a leading role in this year's upcoming school play.

Jared has been a student and active member of the Marlboro Jewish Center family since second grade. From acting in the Hebrew School's plays, to learning to read and write Hebrew, he enjoyed school enormously. He remained very involved in the Temple after his Bar Mitzvah by being

confirmed and remaining a student in the High Hebrew High school. Over the years, he has participated in Purim Services, volunteered at the carnivals, and read Megillah. Every year since his Bar Mitzvah, he has read from the Torah at Rosh Hoshanah, inspiring his younger brother to blow the Shofar this year. He has volunteered as a classroom instructional aide for four years and was one of the founding student members of the Madrachim tutoring program. His desire to help younger students also manifests in his volunteering in the local school district's Family Literacy Program for English as a Second Language students and serving as a mentor to a young local boy. Jared has remained an active member of Jewish Youth Organizations from pre-Kadima to USY and AZA.

As he readies himself for the next phase of his life, we are certain that Jared Sherman will continue making a positive impact on whatever university he attends. His commitment to Judaism, his family and doing the right thing makes us all extremely proud of him.

#### Jonathan Cohen Pine Brook Jewish Center – Montville



Jonathan has been a fixture at PBJC since the merger between the Lake Hiawatha Jewish Center and Pine Brook Jewish Center in 1996. Jonathan was a Board member and regular volunteer /caller at LHJC's highly successful Bingo games. He was also part of the team that negotiated the merger with PBJC.

No sooner was the ink dry on the agreement and the Torahs marched from Lake Hiawatha to Pine Brook, Jonathan became a member of the Chevra at PBJC and served as a member of a new committee that planned and executed a multi-million dollar, 25,000 square foot expansion project that today houses Scheinman Social Hall and the PBJC nursery school.

There is no doubt that Jonathan is living proof that kids in Hebrew school approaching Bar and Bat Mitzvah age can change one's outlook on (Jewish) life, and so began his re-commitment to Conservative Judaism and

PBJC. Over the course of several years, and numerous long nights with Cantor Menachem Toren, Jonathan re-learned his way around the prayer book, Torah and Haftorah trope, and eventually became

a pretty decent lay prayer leader as well as Ba'al Shacharit for the High Holy Days.

Jonathan has long been a committed and active participant in the ritual aspects of PBJC, and currently serves as co-chair of the Ritual Committee. In 2007, Jonathan was called upon by PBJC to lead the Rabbi's Search Committee that culminated in the hiring of Rabbi Mark Finkel, a Boston native, who personally ensured that the Giants would win Superbowl XLII via a 'miracle catch' when he chose not to hold the Torah while Jonathan benched Rosh Chodesh (Jonathan, also a Giants season ticket holder, held the Torah) the day before the game – and the rest as they say, is history!

'Rabbi Jon' – as he is called by his mother and immediate family, grew up in New City, NY and lives in Lake Hiawatha with Nancy, his wife of 30 years. Jonathan and Nancy have been blessed with (3) wonderful children – Marissa, Ashley and Justin, and Marissa and her husband Bryan added great joy to the family by bringing grandson Mason into their lives in 2011.

#### Halli Goldsmith Pine Brook Jewish Center – Montville



From the time she was in kindergarten, Halli has called Pine Brook Jewish Center home. A graduate of our Religious School, Halli attended Hebrew High School there as well, and was confirmed at the end of tenth grade. She reads Torah each year for the high holidays and is often asked to read during the year. Halli is part of the Madrichim program at the Religious School, where she tutors students in Hebrew reading. She is also the Co-President of USY, and has been a board member since freshman year. For two summers, Halli worked at the synagogue camp as a junior counselor with our preschoolers. During the school year, Halli is one of two students who help lead Junior Congregation on Saturday mornings. In addition to her studies at Montville Township High School, she plays tennis and softball, and spends the

winters on the ski slopes. We are proud of her commitment to and love for Judaism, and cannot wait to see even more great things from her!

#### Ray Fishler Shomrei Torah – Wayne



Ray Fishler was born in 1925, in a small town near Krakow, Poland. Eighty years later, he and his wife Rhoda relocated to Wayne and joined Shomrei Torah. With that move, Shomrei Torah gained a man who has the light of Shechina radiating from his soul. Ray is a role model and an exemplar to countless others.

A survivor of the Holocaust, Ray spent his youth living in fear and horror. In 1942, his town was liquidated and he wound up in the Krakow-Plaskow concentration camp, a place featured in "Schindler's List". Ray and his father were the only family members to survive, working as tailors for German prison guards. He spent the last five months of the war in four different concentration camps, including Auschwitz. Much of that time was

spent on the Death Marches, as the Russians advanced westward.

Ray was finally liberated on May 9, 1945. Following liberation, he lived in the Altötting displaced persons camp in Germany and became active in camp administration and sports. While there, Ray was a delegate to the first post-war Zionist convention held in Munich. The event helped to shape his future.

In 1949, he obtained his immigration papers and came to the United States. Arriving in New

York, Ray entered the garment industry, eventually owning his own ladies wear business. In 1958 he married his wife Rhoda. They wound up in Rockville Centre LI, where they raised two children, David and Laura. The Fishlers lived there for over 36 years. Ray also became active in Holocaust education in local public schools and was a longstanding active leader in his congregation, B'nai Sholom.

In 1998, at an age when many sit back to enjoy the Florida sun, Ray traveled abroad on the tenth anniversary of the March of The Living. He served as an educator for a group of thousands of kids and adults. Asked why he did this, Ray replied, "My mother told me to do it. When we said goodbye, she asked me to tell the world what they did to us." Since that time, Ray has dedicated his life to Holocaust education for young people. He has participated in five MOTLs and looks forward to his sixth trip in the spring of 2013.

After moving to Wayne in 2005, Ray immediately became very active in Shomrei Torah. He is a regular minyan attendee, leads services regularly, is a member of its Ritual Committee, served on its SLI strategic planning group and has chaired the High Holidays Preparation Committee. This past year, Ray ran the synagogue's annual Bazaar, which became a big fundraising success under his guidance (and hard work).

Ray played a major role in obtaining a new mantle for the synagogue's Holocaust Torah. The mantle is inscribed with the names of victims who were relatives of Shomrei Torah congregants, and the names of victims from the Czech town where the scroll came from. This beautiful mantle is a fitting memorial to the Shoah.

Ray continues to be active in Holocaust education at Shomrei Torah's religious school and speaks at public schools, synagogues and churches. For many years, Ray worked in Queens almost daily. He finally retired last month. When anybody looks at Ray, they see a combination of the eternal optimist and the energizer bunny. He is always smiling.

#### Elliot Merkin

#### Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael—Springfield

Elliot had previously won his first Men's Club Man of the Year award in 1983 and has been active with the Men's Club since 1976. He has been past President of the Men's Club during two previous terms of office and has served in almost every position within the Men's Club and is currently the VP of membership. He is the in house Kosher wine-master for the Temple and the Men's Club and chairs the annual Men's Club Kosher for Passover Fund raising event in which Kosher wine that is preordered from our standard wine list is delivered directly to the homes of the participants (at no extra delivery charge). They don't have to wait on line or hunt for the right wines for their Seders. He also handles all of the bulk mail functions for the Men's Club to obtain the maximum postal discount and timely mail delivery (Yom Hashoah Candle and dues notices mailings) Last year's Yom Hashoah Candle boxes arrived to Springfield members 2 days after they were inserted into the mail stream by Elliot. Elliot also co-chairs at least one annual event with B'nai B'rith to bring events of interest (usually at no charge) to members of both organizations. During the last 36 years, Elliot has been involved in too many other functions with both the Temple and the Men's Club to list here.

Elliot is also a VP of membership and Networking Coordinator of the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce. He is involved with almost of all of their functions and activities including the annual July 4th fireworks event and concert, annual Rock N Roll concert, annual Fall Street Fair and Antique car show event, and annual Candidates Night Forum where each party's candidates answer preselected questions written beforehand by members in the audience. Elliot also is involved with all of the chambers networking events to try to help local businesses brand themselves and try to patronize fellow members to drive more business to Springfield businesses.

Elliot had earned Bachelor and Master of Science Degrees in Electrical Engineering. In his early years he worked for an engineering company where he was a consultant in Omaha Nebraska to the

Strategic Air Command and to NASA at the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville Alabama. He later founded Computer Advisory Services Inc from which he recently retired his consulting, networking and computer systems support to now having the company sell newly manufactured replacement ink jet and toner cartridges wholesale to the public (He doesn't get late evening emergency phone calls for help any more).

One of Elliot's other passions is tennis. He plays all year around at least three times per week and won the Netherwood Tennis Club Men's 70 and over doubles championship in 2010. He also plays piano since he was 9 and writes all of his own arrangements and songs specializing in Rock N Roll and popular music.

Elliot's and his wife of 44 years Barbara live in Springfield NJ since 1973. Their son Robert and his wife Stacy live nearby in Basking Ridge with Elliot's twin 2 year old grandsons Ari and Eli. Their daughter Carolyn and her husband Joe live in Navato California (just North of San Francisco) and are expecting their first child (Elliot's third grandson) this December.

Ira Messer Temple Beth El – Somerset



Ira has been a member of Temple Beth-El Somerset for over 20 years, and has held numerous Board of Trustees positions. Currently, he is on the executive board with oversight of financial, capital, and cemetery committees.

At present Ira is leading the committee coordinating the celebrating of the Jubilee 50th Anniversary of Temple Beth-El, guided by demonstrating how "Religion is Relevant" in today's world. Planned highlights include an interdenominational trip to Israel this summer, an ongoing, lecture series coordinated with our local religious institutions, and various events highlighting the effect of a vibrant Jewish community in Somerset. The culmination will be a Jubilee Year dinner dance in the fall encouraging the entire family of those who have been associated with the Temple throughout the years to join in the celebration of 50 years in Somerset, NJ.

Since retirement, Ira has begun the "Temple Bakers Group" which meets Thursdays to bake fresh Challah, rolls, and confections for the morning Minyan, Shabbos Kiddush, Bikur Cholim, temple simchas, as well as fund raising. In addition, Ira has put his 35 years IT and business continuity experience to good use in maintaining the Temple systems, and providing assistance to any and all who require a tall person.

Ira grew up in the New Brunswick area and is a former member of Congregation Pole Zedek, and currently lives in Somerset. He is married to his wonderful wife and co-baker Sherri for over 20 year and is retired from various IT management positions within the Financial, and Telecommunications industries.

#### Jay Jaffe Temple Beth Shalom – Livingston



Jay Jaffe has been a partner in the environmental department at the law firm of Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis, LLP, in Woodbridge, New Jersey since January, 2012. Immediately prior to joining Greenbaum Rowe, Jay was a partner in the Environmental and Brownfields practice group at Farer Fersko, P.A., where he worked for over 22 years. Working in the environmental legal field for nearly 25 years, Jay has been selected for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America, Environmental Law practice area, and has been listed in Super Lawyers – New Jersey Edition in the Environmental practice area since 2006.

Jay spent his childhood growing up in Rockland County, New York, and he earned a B.A. in Political Science from SUNY Binghamton in 1985. It

was there where he met his future wife, Marla, and, after graduating with a Juris Doctorate from Georgetown University in 1988, he and Marla began their married life together. After being blessed with three beautiful children, Marissa, Rebecca, and Zachary, the Jaffe clan moved to Livingston, New Jersey in 1996.

Proud to call Livingston home, Jay immediately got involved in many areas of synagogue life at Temple Beth Shalom. Jay has been an active member of the Men's Club, and has sat on the Board of Trustees since 1999. Serving as Vice President of various committees and as Recording Secretary, he enjoys volunteering and working with an incredible group of guys who have become his close friends.

Although Men's Club is Jay's most active synagogue platform, Jay was also a member of the Board of Trustees for one term and the Board of Education for two terms. He sits on the Ritual Committee and regularly serves as a Gabbai. Yearly ushering on the High Holidays and positions on the Keruv and Nominating Committees further show Jay's passionate commitment to Temple Beth Shalom, and, as a regular Shabbat shul-goer, Jay is currently working on re-introducing a lay led Shabbat service.

Jay is honored to have been chosen as Temple Beth Shalom's Men's Club Man of the Year, and he looks forward to many more years of actively participating in this most worthwhile organization.

#### Bert Fine Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim – Cranford



Bert was born in Paterson NJ and moved to Rhode Island at an early age. He was educated there and graduated from Bryant College with a degree in Business Administration. Bert served in the Army during the Korean War.

Bert moved to Cranford in 1971 when he joined the temple and the Men's Club.

Bert has served on the temple board for many years and in various capacities. He has been temple treasurer, and is currently the chair of the budget committee. As a Men's Club trustee, he is involved in fundraising.

Bert was married for 38 years to his wonderful wife Florence. He has a daughter Heidi, a great son-in-law Seth, and a precious granddaughter Talia.

Bert worked as a salesman for over 40 years. In May of this year, Bert retired. Bert enjoys bowling, traveling and is a big Giants fan.

# Fred Kotek Temple Israel – Ridgewood



Our family joined Temple Israel Ridgewood almost twenty years ago as a result of our search for a congregation that was both traditional and egalitarian. At the time Beth and I had two daughters, Robyn and Risa, enrolled in the Solomon Schechter Day School of Bergen County (SSDS). We wanted them to comfortably apply all the knowledge and skills they were learning and we found a welcoming home at Temple Israel. When our third daughter Dara was born, she was named on the bimah at Temple Israel. She and her sisters became Bat Mitzvah at Temple Israel, Robyn in the old building, Risa offsite because of the construction and Dara in our current sanctuary. Beth and Dara continue to take advantage of the opportunity to read Torah regularly, which is a welcome reminder of why we joined in the first place.

Soon after I joined Temple Israel, I was appointed to the Board at the option of the President at the time. Over the years I have served as a Board Member for several different terms. I try to allocate my volunteer work between Temple Israel and the Solomon Schechter Day School of Bergen County and contribute to the two communities that are very important to our family. Early on at Temple Israel I chaired a committee that developed a feasibility and implementation plan for establishing a nursery school. The plan was tabled because of the decision to construct our current facility. I have continuously served on the Endowment Investment Committee, which operates under the practices and philosophies that I took part in developing and instituting more than ten years ago. I have served on Rabbi and Interim Rabbi search committees as well as several Rabbi contract negotiating committees. I have also participated in many development programs for the synagogue including the Temple Gala, Chairing the Circle of Honor Campaign and making the Kol Nidre appeal.

Born in Paterson, NJ, I earned an AB degree in Economics from Rutgers College where Beth and I met as undergraduates. We were married in 1981 after I graduated with an MBA from The Harvard Graduate School of Business. We settled in Fair Lawn almost 30 years ago, where we still live with our daughter Dara, a junior at Solomon Schechter High School of Westchester. Our older daughters Robyn and Risa live in Manhattan. Beth continues her professional career as the Director and owner of the Ridgewood Speech & Language Center. I work for Atlas Energy, LP, where I am responsible for the Investment Partnership division that originates manages tax advantaged natural gas drilling programs.



# NNJR Regional Man of the Year David Millman

The Executive Board of the Northern New Jersey Region of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs is proud to recognize David Millman as our 2012 Man of the Year.

**Yasher Koach!** 

The board is also pleased to recognize and congratulate all of this year's

Man of the Year

and

Youth of the Year Award recipients.

Yasher Koach to all

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

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

We congratulate David Millman, our friend, on being NNJ's Regional Man of the Year!



Dave, you exemplify the volunteer spirit. Your tireless efforts on behalf of NNJR and on behalf of the Jewish men of Medinat haGan have not gone unnoticed. You can now add "RMOY" to your ode "OY To Be a MOY".

Yasher Koach on being NNJR's new poet laureate!

- Eric and Fern Weis



Congratulations to our friend
David Millman,
Regional MOY from
Tamara and Barry Freeman,
Temple Israel, Ridgewood

## MAZAL TOV AND BEST WISHES.

Elyse Beidner and Louis Levene

# Congratulations to the Regional Man of the Year!



David Millman

NORTHERN NJ REGION

Man of the Year

Former MOY of our Men's Club, 2 times past President, and always working for us!

**Mazel Tov to David** on a very well deserved honor!



# We honor the NNJ Regional Man of the Year David Millman

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This is a most well deserved honor for someone who does not like to call attention to himself.

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You lead by example, You teach by doing

and we are all better for knowing you.

Elyse, Jeff, Haley and Whitney Schulman

# **OUR BEST TO OUR BEST**



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SAMANTHA BRANDSPEGEL 2 0 1 2 YOUTHOF theYEAR



מזל טוב!

From everyone at



Beth El Synagogue Men's Club East Windsor, NJ

## Mazal Tov ~ מזל טוב

To

# Samantha Brandspiegel

for being named

# "2012 Youth of the Year"

by

# Beth El Synagogue

East Windsor, NJ

Men's Club

# We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments.

We would also like to congratulate

Peter Cheifetz

for being named 2012 Man of the Year.

MAY YOU GO FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH!

Love,

Mom, Dad, Heather and Jeremy

#### Mazal Tov to our Granddaughter

# Samantha Brandspiegel

upon receiving this very special honor of

# "Youth of the Year"

WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU AND WE LOVE YOU VERY MUCH.

### Bubbie Ruth and Zeidi Sol Brandspiegel

Mazel Tov and Best Wishes

to

Our granddaughter, niece and cousin

# Samantha Brandspiegel

on being named Youth of the Year of

Beth El Synagogue, East Windsor We are so proud of you! May you continue to go from strength to ever greater strength.

Love,

Bubbie and Zayde Kornsgold Aunt Leslie, Uncle Jay, Noam, Yona and Yaffa Aunt Helene Congratulations to

Peter Cheifetz

on being selected Beth El Synagogue's

Man of the Year!

Goldie & Shelly Weinstein

We honor CAI's Man of the Year

Marty Schenker

With love and pride

Linda Schenker and Abe Davis

# The Men's Club Of Congregation Agudath Israel of West Essex



Congratulates

Marty Schenker
Man of the Year
2012

"Thanks for your leadership, good humor, and Scotch."



# MAZEL TOV, GABY!

We're so proud of you for being selected Congregation Agudath Israel Men's Club "Youth of the Year". You have worked so hard and it is wonderful for us to see your efforts recognized. We hope you always maintain your passion and your dedication to "Tikun Olam".

Love, Mom, Dad, Sarah , Ben, Nanny & Pop Pop

# Gaby Roth

You Do Us Proud!
From the Men's Club of
Congregation
Agudath Israel of
West Essex



Youth of the Year 2012

# MAZEL TOV TO <u>OUR</u> MAN OF THE YEAR

# MARC BUNIS

May you continue to go from strength to strength

With love and pride from the whole mishpacha

Pops
Ruthie, Brian, Debra, Laura and Jeremy
Lisa and Joel

# **Marc Bunis**

# Congregation B'nai Israel Men's Club Man of the Year

Yasher Koach and Mazal Tov

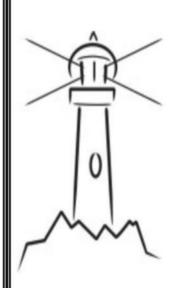
The Men's Club of Congregation B'nai Israel
thanks you for all you've done and all you continue
to do for our club

# MAZEL TOV

# Marc Bunis & Leah Kempton

Thank you for all your efforts and dedication to Congregation B'nai Israel and our community.

David, Lauren, Adam, Ethan & Eli Rosen



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CONGRATULATES

#### MARC BUNIS

ON BEING NAMED
CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL'S
NNJR MAN OF THE YEAR

# Every blade of grass has an angel that bends over it and whispers 'Grow, Grow" The Talmud



To Ronnie Ben Aron and Alyxandra Magnus

You have served as angels to the community through your unwavering commitment and love.

With warm wishes

**CBJ Men's Club** 

# Mazal Tov to Alyx Magnus

# and to all the other award winners

#### Ronnie Ben-Aron

#### **RONNIE AND ALYX**

YASHER KOACH AND SINCERE THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO FOR CONGREGATION B'NAI JESHURUN YOUTH AND MENS CLUB AND TEMPLE MUCH SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE ENDEAVORS

DAVID AND SYLVIA FRIEDMAN

#### **Mazel Tov**

# Alyxandra T. Paige Magnus

We are All So Proud of the Amazing, Sweet, Kind, Caring, Warm, Brilliant, Phenomenal and Loving Young Lady You are!!!!!

You are the sunshine of Our Lives
The Warmth & Special Feelings of Friday Night Shabbat Candles
The Sweetness of Kiddush Wine
You are Exquisite like the Stain Glass Windows in Temple
You have the Heart of Israel & the strength of the Israeli Army
You are a gift to all those lives You touch!!!!!

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We love you.

Ellie, Beth and Dave, Jessica, Tom, Morgan and May



# The Men's Club of Congregation Beth Israel Scotch Plains, NJ Congratulates



# Steven Garsh 2012 Man of the Year

and





Congratulations to

# KEN DEITZ Man of the Year

You are our Man of the Year every day and every time we need a helping hand.
You are always here for us!

The Men's Club Congregation Beth Ohr Old Bridge, NJ

# MAZEL TOV TO OUR DEAR FRIEND

#### KEN DEITZ

CONGREGATION BETH OHR'S 2012 MAN OF THE YEAR

HARRIET & PHIL RABINOWITZ MARK & KARA, JOSH & RACHEL

# Rabbi Eugene and Irene Wernick

Congratulate

## **Ken Deitz**

On this fine honor from The Men's Club Congregation Beth Ohr

#### Congratulations to

Congregation Beth Ohr's Man of the Year And all the time...

#### Ken Deitz

Elliot Leibowitz And Lee & Ira Donenfeld

Yasher Koach to

Ken Deitz
Beth Ohr's
Man of the Year

A well deserved honor!

Ronnie & Ed Mendlowitz

#### Congratulations to

# Congregation Beth Ohr's Man of the Year

#### Ken Deitz

You are a man we can count on!

Alice & David Honig and Family

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#### SID KRANE

for being selected Neve Shalom Men's Club

Man of the Year

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or contributing to our

Community, Synagogue and Men's Club.
Sid can always be counted on.
An honor well deserved

Abe & Gail Adler

# Yasher Koach to Neve Shalom's Man of the Year, Sid Krane and Youth of the Year, Micah Lubow

Sandy and Morty Fields

# Neve Shalom of Metuchen Is proud to honor

Sid Krane – Man of the Year

Micah Lubow – Youth of the Year

Thank you for your hard work and dedication to our synagogue.

Neve Shalom Board of Directors Congratulations to
Sid Krane
and
Micah Lubow
on your
well deserved honor.

Dr. Richard Bullock and family

# To Sid and Micah, Our beloved honorees: Best Wishes always. Sue, Sam, Michael and Rebecca

#### To Sid Krane:

A man for all generations. A pillar of many communities. A man who uses his voice and that of the shofar to lead us all to our proper place before G-d.

#### To Micah Lubow:

A rare young man who puts the welfare of others before his own. A caring presence in his own community and in Hagalil USY as well.

May you go from strength to strength

Stacey, Jonathan, Scott & Jennifer Greenberg

# Congratulations to Sid Krane as Man of the Year for Neve Shalom in Metuchen. Congratulations to Micah Lubow as Youth of the Year for Neve Shalom in Metuchen.

Eric Goldman and Family

Mazel Tov to our morning
minyan stalwart
Sid Krane
and youth leader
Micah Lubow
on your well deserved honors.



From your friends at the Neve Shalom morning minyan.

# <u>Sid Krane</u>

Your commitment to our synagogue is inspirational from daily minyans, to shofar blowing to running our Men's Club Shabbat. You have gone, from Brooklyn, to Germany, to Colonia and now Metuchen, showing us all how to live a jewish life.

You are a man among men.

Neve Shalom Men's Club

# It is a pleasure to honor Sid Krane and Micah Lubow.

# Priscilla Glinn

"Mah Yofeh Yerushatenu"
How wonderful is our lot in Neve Shalom
to have both of you with us.

Rabbi Gerald L. Zelizer

## Mazel Tov to Metuchen's Man of the Year

#### Sid Krane

You are an inspiration, whether in Morning Minyan or Blowing Shofar on the High Holy Days, you put your entire body and soul into whatever you do.

We are proud of your achievement and even more proud to call you friend.

Elyse, Jeff, Haley and Whitney Schulman

#### **Sid Krane:**

We enjoy hearing your Shofar
every Rosh Hashanah
and listening to you Daven as well.
Yasher Koach on this well deserved honor!!

Audrey, Joel, Lindsay, and Mat Napchen

# Congratulations to two of Congregation Neve Shalom's finest

Thank You for your years of dedicated service as Tutor to our youth, Ba'al T'kiah, Friend, and Mensch

# Sid Krane Micah Lubow Man of the Year Youth of the Year

In recognition of your involvement and leadership in USY and Your future as a leader of our Community

One who acquires a good name, acquired it for himself

Pirkei Avot

Licia, Matt, Tyler & Elliott Bonus Melissa, Keith, Scott & Danny Boxer Cathy Salamon & Ted, Teddy, Joey & Spencer Geardino Robbie, Harold, Melanie, & David Geller Jody, Stuart & Samuel Mantel Sandy & Marty Schwemer

# Mazel Tov to Metuchen's Youth of the Year

## Micah Lubow

In the short time we've known you, we see a young man who takes his responsibilities seriously but always with a smile and twinkle in your eye

The Schulman Family

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Congregation Torat El Mens Club Wishes to Honor and Recognize:

# GARY GROSS

"MAN OF THE YEAR"

2012/2013

CONGREGATION TORAT EL

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PAST PRESIDENT

Let it be known that the members of the Congregation.
Torat El Mens Club wish to Acknowledge and Thank
Gary for all the Hard Work and Dedication brought forth
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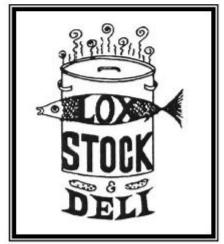
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#### YASHER KOACH TO

#### KEN GERSON

THE MAN OF THE YEAR
OF THE
EAST BRUNSWICK JEWISH CENTER MEN'S
CLUB

An honor that is so well deserved!

## CONGRATULATIONS TO **DAVID KOSHER & BEN WEINFELD** CO-YOUTHS OF THE YEAR!

BEST WISHES FROM
THE SISTERHOOD
OF THE
EAST BRUNSWICK JEWISH CENTER



#### The Morning Minyanaires of EBJC



Al Ferrer Mark Foladare Marty Genee Matt Kaufman Neil Kosher Jerry Saferstein Uziel Sason Raymond Sasson Steve Schneider Jack Silverman Joel Weinberg

#### Yasher Koach

#### Ken Gerson EBJC Men's Club Man of the Year

A True Mensch, Friend and Man of Every Year

David & Margot Julis

Thank you to Ken Gerson, David Kosher, and Ben Weinfeld on all the work you have done over the years for Men's Club and EBJC.

An honor well deserved

Mark, Leslie and Elyse Foladare

#### Mazal tov

#### **KEN GERSON**

EBJC's MEN'S CLUB MAN OF THE YEAR

#### **AND**

#### **DAVID KOSHER & BEN WEINFELD**

EBJC's MEN'S CLUB YOUTHS OF THE YEAR

on this well deserved honor.

Thank you for your commitment and dedication to EBJC, Men's Club and our community. We wish you continued success in all that you do.

East Brunswick Jewish Center Youth Commission Board





#### Mazel Tov to

Ken Gerson, EBJC's Man of the Year

and to
David Kosher and Ben Weinfeld
EBJC's co-youth of the year

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

> Rabbi Joshua S. Finkelstein East Brunswick Jewish Center

#### **KEN GERSON**

OUR MEN'S CLUB MAN OF THE YEAR

#### **AND**

#### DAVID KOSHER & BEN WEINFELD

OUR MEN'S CLUB CO-YOUTHS 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 Yasher Koach

to

#### Ken Gerson

EBJC Men's Club Man of the Year

**EBJC Mitzvah Corps** 

Mazel Tov
To
Ken Gerson
Man Of The Year
And To
Ben Weinfeld
Youth Of The Year

The Kosher Family

## "How do you keep a kippah on?"

As the song notes, it's not easy. But you've managed: on your head, in your heart, and as inspiration to all of us.

We're very proud of you.

With love (from around the world), Helene, Michael, Jacqueline, and Eliana

#### Congratulations Ben Weinfeld

You are a wonderful young man. You have been a great asset to EBJC and the Jewish community and we know you have a very bright future ahead of you.

Mazel Tov to you and your family.

Hayley and Alan Migdal







MAZEL TOV

BEN

WE ARE SO
PROUD OF
THE MAN THAT
YOU HAVE BECOME

LOVE,

MOM, DAD,

MICHELLE AND JOEY

# CONGRATULATIONS! **BEN WEINFELD**EBJC YOUTH OF THE YEAR

THE AUERBACHS

THE BECKERS

THE BLACKINS

THE CUKORS

THE FELLENS

THE GOTTESMANS

THE HERMANS

THE MATTINAS

THE OMANSKYS

**THE OZERS** 

THE SHINDLERS

THE WAKSMANS

# Mazel Tov To A Great Son And Brother David Kosher Youth Of The Year We Love You!

Mom, Dad, And Rebecca

# The Jewish Family Service of North Jersey's Board of Directors Congratulates

Harvey Jaffe

on being selected

Man of the Year.

We are so proud of you!

Mazel toy and Yasher Koach

## fair lawn jewish center congregation bnai israel

Wishes a Mazel Tov To Our Very Own
Guest of Honor

Man of the Year 2012 -13

Harvey Jaffe

**Congratulations & Best Wishes** 

Officers & Board of Directors
Rabbi Ronald Roth
Cantor Eric Wasser
President Linda Ayes

#### Men's Progress Club

of the

Fair Lawn Jewish Center Congregation B'nai Israel is proud to honor

Harvey Jable

Man of the Year 2012 -13



"There is nothing like our Club!"



# Mazel Tov and Best Wishes to OUR FRIEND HARVEY JAFFE



Stuart Alper, Ira Lieman, Charlie Cohen, Seth Seigel-Laddy, Evan Marcus, Scott Pass, Neil Garfinkle, Dan Paul-Heskins, Brian Frisch, Howard Kessel, Raviv Ron, Bob Sokol

#### Simon the Righteous said:

The world rests on three things:

The Torah, the Sacred Service, and righteous acts.

That's known as a Harvey Jaffe hat trick.

His Thursday morning chevruta

## All who devotedly involve themselves with the needs of the community and the land of Israel

May the Holy One Praised be He reward them

Shabbat morning service

#### Harvey

Your good works here and in Israel inspire us!

May you go from Strength to Strength!

With deep Admiration, Friendship,
Affection, and Best Wishes

The North Jersey Florence Melton School

of Adult Jewish Learning

Advisory Committee

#### In honor of Ray Sabin

We value your friendship over all these many years, as we all have a shared history.

Rochelle and Keith Epstein Roberta and Lawrence Fachler Ellen and Sheldon Gasior Ashna and Bernard Pincus Carol and Howard Shapiro

#### MAZAL TOV TO RAY SABIN

WELCOME TO "THE CLUB WITHIN THE CLUB"!

MARC WEINSTEIN, JAY CULANG, SKIP ROGERS, MILTON FRANT,
PHIL RABINOWITZ, STEVE LERNER, JERRY TRUB, BARRY MAEL,
JUSTIN FOOTERMAN AND AL DAVIS

THE PAST RECIPIENTS OF THE "MAN OF THE YEAR" AWARD FROM

THE HIGHLAND PARK CONSERVATIVE TEMPLE CONGREGATION ANSHE EMETH



## Mazel tov!

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

Salutes

#### Ray Sabin and Sam Trub

for their respective years of service to our Men's Club and Youth Groups, to our Temple and USY, and to Israel

#### מזל טוב!

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

proudly congratulates

#### Ray Sabin

as our deserving recipient of the 2012 "Man of the Year" Award,

and

#### Sam Trub

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 Koach!

#### Raymond Sabin

You've been our Man of the Year for many years. Congratulations on this wonderful honor!

From Your Loving Family

Esther, Sherry, Noah, Joanne, Jonathan, Lisa and your grandchildren – Rebecca, Jess, Max, Mira, David and Chester (Granddog)



To Our Fellow Minyanaire and Good Friend Ray,

In your own unassuming way, you have given years of service to the Men's Club, your Congregation and the community.

Congratulations on your "Man of the Year" honor.

May Hashem give you the vigor to continue your good deeds

for many years to come.

Your friends at The Highland Park Conservative Temple –
Congregation Anshe Emeth South River Morning Minyan

### We love you Sam.

You have a wonderful Jewish Neshama

May you go from strength to strength.

Congrats on being Youth of the Year.

Love.

Mom, Dad, Leora, Daniel and Mayaha



#### **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

#### HOWARD SHAFRAN TO THE

"CLUB"

#### כח ישר and כח ישר

To Howard for his many years of dedication to the

Marlboro Jewish Center Men's Club

Lance Adelson
Eric Bonett
Elliott Brown
Michael Danziger
Alan Greenberg
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#### CONGREGATION OHEV SHALOM MARLBORO JEWISH CENTER BOARD OF TRUSTEES

IS PROUD TO HONOR

**HOWARD SHAFRAN** 

AS OUR MEN'S CLUB'S

MAN OF THE YEAR

**AND** 

JARED SHERMAN

AS OUR MEN'S CLUB'S

#### YOUTH OF THE YEAR

WE THANK HOWARD FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO MJC AND THE MEN'S CLUB
AND THANK JARED FOR HIS DEDICATION
TO OUR SYNAGOGUE AND USY.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO

#### HOWARD SHAFRAN AND JARED SHERMAN

OF MARLBORO JEWISH CENTER

## AND TO ALL THE OTHER HONOREES TONIGHT

FROM YOUR FRIENDS AT

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#### THE MARLBORO JEWISH CENTER MEN'S CLUB

#### IS PROUD TO HONOR OUR

#### MAN OF THE YEAR HOWARD SHAFRAN

AND OUR

## YOUTH OF THE YEAR JARED SHERMAN

WE THANK HOWARD
FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE
AND DEDICATION TO OUR CLUB
AND SYNAGOGUE

AND JARED FOR HIS SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO OUR USY CHAPTER AND HEBREW SCHOOL

MAZAL TOV TO HOWARD AND JARED AND THE SHAFRAN AND SHERMAN FAMILIES



## Marlboro Jewish Center is Proud of our Honorees!

#### Man of the Year HOWARD SHAFRAN

and

Youth of the Year JARED SHERMAN

#### **CONGRATULATIONS TO**

#### JONATHAN COHEN

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

&

#### HALLI GOLDSMITH

#### 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 RICHARD KURLAND

HOWARD CHESLER JERRY OPPENBERG

RAY FELDMAN MARK ROFFMAN

RANDEE FOX ALAN ROTHBERG

DALE GREENFIELD JORY SCHLENGER

MITCH GOLDSTEIN LEN WALLACH

BOB KANARICK BARRY WEINREB

**PHIL ZWICK** 

Congratulations to the honorees on their well-deserved recognition for their leadership, hard work, and dedication

# MAN & YOUTH OF THE YEAR PINE BROOK JEWISH CENTER



Yasher Koach

Jonathan Gohen & Halli Goldsmith

You lead us, you inspire us, you are a pride to our faith and our synagogue family

## The Pine Brook Jewish Center Men's Club Proudly honors

## JONATHAN COHEN

#### **Our 2012 – 2013 Man of the Year**

In recognition of his many years of outstanding service and dedication to the PBJC Men's Club and Synagogue

Congratulations and thank you for all your contributions, assistance and support through the years!

All the guys from the PBJC Men's Club

#### Our most sincere congratulations to:

#### Jonathan Cohen

PBJC Man-of-the-Year

**AND** 

#### Halli Goldsmith

PBJC Youth-of-the-Year

## Welcome to our elite group! From the PBJC Man-of-the-Year past honorees

Howard Chesler
Ray Feldman
Steve Gothelf
Rob Greenfield
Marv Kaufman
Jerry Oppenberg
Mark Roffman
Glenn Rothman

Charlie Stein

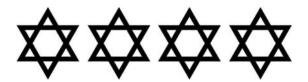
Alan Rothberg

**Jeffrey Weiss** 

Jack Wenarsky



With Love from Your Proud Cousins
The Schwartzs and Sosmans



We honor our granddaughter

Halli Melinda Goldsmith

As she has honored her family, her synagogue, and her community

With her caring efforts.

Roringly, Gma & Gpa (Carol & Joel Klausner)

#### Mazel Tov

#### Halli Goldsmith

## Pine Brook Jewish Center's Youth of the Year!

We are so proud of you and everything you do! Love, Mom, Dad and Carly



#### The Pine Brook Jewish Center Men's Club

**Proudly honors** 

## HALLI GOLDSMITH

#### Our 2012 - 2013 Youth of the Year

In recognition of her outstanding achievement and dedication to the PBJC, Community and School

Congratulations and we thank you for all your hard work, contributions, commitment and your meritorious service

All the men from the PBJC Men's Club

#### To our good friend Ray:

Congratulations on this well deserved honor.

Ben & Gerda Weltman

Ray Fishler

We are extremely privileged to have you in the Shomrei Torah Family.

Congratulations

Our Man of the

Year Jackie & Lonnie Helfand

#### **Congratulations Ray Fishler**

Diane & Rich Seltzer and Family

Sue & Barry Mirsky

Harvey & Naomi Miller

Michael Greenblatt

Albert & Phyllis Russo

Sue & Harvey Nagler

Bruce Seidman

Terri and Oscar Reicher

Sy & Elaine Schlossberg

Sari & Steve Gross





The Weis family salutes our chaver

### Ray Fishler

Shomrei Torah's 5773 Man of the Year and MENSCH EMET V'GADOL ON THIS WELL DESERVED HONOR

ישר כות!

Rhoda, behind every great man, there is a great woman. We are so happy to call both of you our dear friends.

- Fern and Eric

# It is our pleasure and joy to join all those honoring our good friend Ray.

An amazing and awe-inspiring man.

Love, Beth & Ed Julie

"The flower that blooms in adversity is the rarest and most beautiful of all."

Congratulations to Ray Fishler

A beautiful man.

The Podell Family Adrienne, Scott, Aaron, Laine and Jake

# A WELL-DESERVED HONOR FOR A GREAT GUY

MAZAL TOV RAY!

\_\_

Sid, Caroline, Barry & Sarah Blecherman

Mazel Tov to a Mensch and an Inspiration to All of Us.

Anita & Stuart Skolnick

## Kol Hakavod Ray and Rhoda Fishler

From your bridge friends and fans

Phil and Maria Nuccetelli Evelyn Lieblich Sy and Elaine Schlossberg Dov and Linnea Gorshein

## RAY FISHLER MAN OF THE YEAR

"A wonderful person is one who says little and does much and greets other people with kindness."

Pirkei Avot

That's our Ray!
RHODA
DAVID & MINDY
BRIAN AND MELISSA
LAURA AND RONEN
ARIEL AND DANIEL

**BEST GRANDPA EVER!!!** 

Great job, Man of the Year!!!
Keep on doing your best.

We think YOU ARE TERRIFIC!
You are OUR HERO and MAN OF **EVERY** YEAR!!!

With lots of love and admiration, Laura, Ronen, Ariel and Daniel "The highest wisdom is Kindness"

~Talmud

With deep appreciation and love to

Ray Fishler

For his many deeds of loving Kindness.

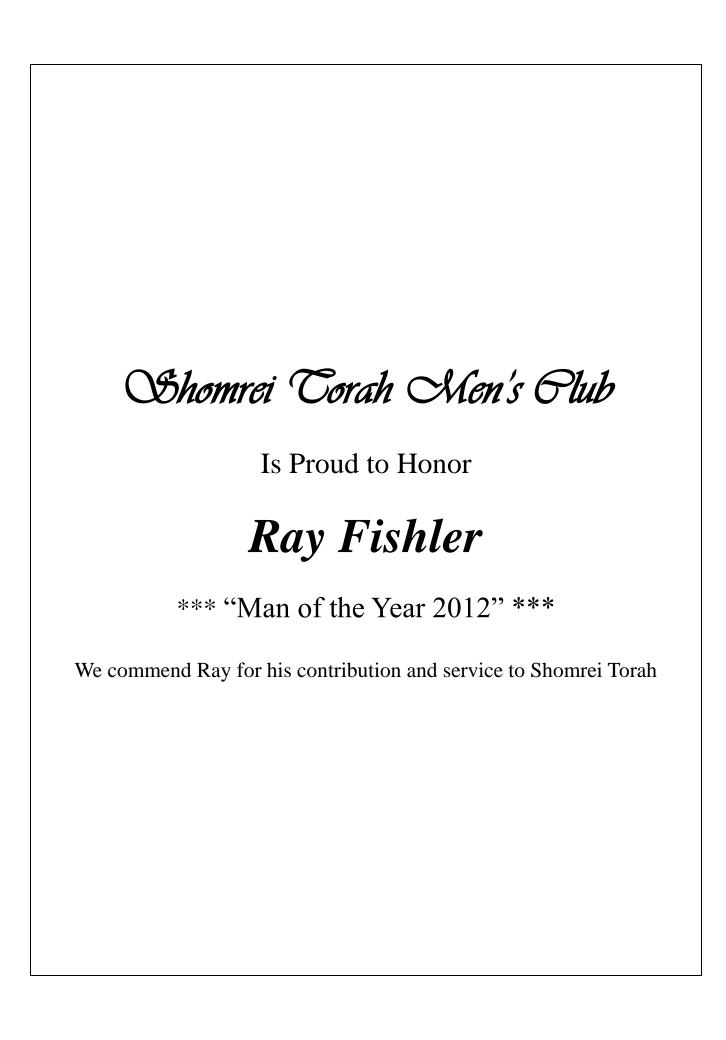
Mazal Tov on a much deserved honor.

Shomrei Torah~

Executive Board

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Rabbi Mark



B'nai B'rith congratulates

Elliot Merkin

for all the years of service
you have given
to the
Men's Club

and to the

Township of Springfield

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# מזל מוב וייאשר כח

TO

#### Ellíot Merkín

FJMC – Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael, Springfield, NJ Man of the Year Honoree 5773

Rabbi Mark Mallach

Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael

Springfield, NJ

Ridinrebbe@aol.com

# Mazel Tov to Ira Messer

A Man Who Knows How to Bring Home the Bakin'

Phyllis, Kal and Inger Miller

We don't mess with Ira Messer—

He keeps us rolling in dough (also cinnamon, raisins and chocolate chips)

The Sisterhood of Temple Beth El of Somerset

# Mazel Tov to Ira Messer Temple Beth El of Somerset Men's Club 2012 Man of the Year

Ira, congratulations on being selected as Men's Club Man of the Year. We appreciate your bringing the sweet smells and delicious tastes of your freshly baked products into our Temple through your "Temple Bakers Group". Our Temple and Men's Club is truly blessed with your dedicated work on many different committees and talented skill in the kitchen.

**Marc and Martha Hilton Nate and Roz Feinberg Bernie and Janet Goldstein Jeff and Iris Green Howard and Fran Pearlson Bob and Sari Persily** Lee and Laura Rudbart **Elliott and Mara Sacks Andy and Debbie Sheffrin** Kal and Phyllis Miller Norman and Audrey Skopp Joe and Maxine Bell **Phyllis Stacy Elaine Wasserman** Lou and Joan Kelter **Bob and Lori Fink** 



# Temple Beth El Somerset Men's Club Salutes Ira Messer Our 2012 Man of the Year

Ira, we are so grateful for your bringing all the sweet smells and delicious tastes of challahs, rolls, mandel brot, cakes, cookies, and many other bakery goodies to our Temple and to our local community through your "Temple Bakers Group". You've been our leader in coordinating the jubilee 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of Temple Beth El. We appreciate your leadership on the Temple's financial, capital, and cemetery committees. You are a compassionate, dedicated, and caring individual, who is always available to help your fellow member and attendee at Temple services and functions. You always go the extra mile to do the work that is necessary and many times tedious for the good of our Temple.

You are certainly Temple Beth El's and Men's Club Man of the Year in 2012. This award is greatly deserved, and Men's Club extends its thanks to you for all you've done over your many years of dedication to Temple Beth El of Somerset.

#### Yasher Koach, Mazel Tov, and Congratulations

#### Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah

# The Past Salutes The Present - - - And Is Repeated As

Cantor Steven Stern, Mike Goldstein, Bob Kolker, Paul Hymanson, Dennis Berry, Joe Cangelosi, Alan Davis, Dr. Mike Miller, Arthur Gesten, Bill Hausler, Michael Roth

Recognize

**Ilana Dorch** 

As Our Youth of the Year 2012 Mazel Tov and Yasher Ko-ach

# The Temple Beth O'r/ Beth Torah Men's Club

Extends a Very Hearty Yasher
Ko-ach
to
Ilana A. Dorch

**On Being Named Our** 

Youth of the Year 2012-2013

Mazel Tov on a Well-Deserved Honor!!!



#### Yasher Koach to Jay Jaffe Temple Beth Shalom's Man of the Year



Lisa Mayer and Barry Schwartz Kerry Goldflam and Eve Banilower

#### JAY JAFFE

"Whoever honours Torah will himself be honoured by others" (Rabbi Yose, Pirke: Avot)

We applaud your accomplishments and their impact on the Men's Club and the congregation.

We are proud to be your friends.

Gail, Ian, Collin, and Shannon Stocks

"Kind hearts are the gardens,
Kind thoughts are the roots,
Kind words are the flowers,
Kind deeds are the fruits,
Take care of your garden,
And keep out the weeds,
Fill it with sunshine,
Kind words and kind deeds"

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

For Jay Jaffe, Temple Beth Shalom's Man of the Year,

You epitomize everything wonderful and generous in a person, and you are the proof that hard work, a brilliant mind, and uncompromised integrity will always pay off.

Thank you for tending to the Jaffe garden so meticulously.

We love you, we're proud of you, and you're always our Man of the Year!

Marla, Marissa, Rebecca, and Zachary



Our Members take great pleasure in honoring our brother

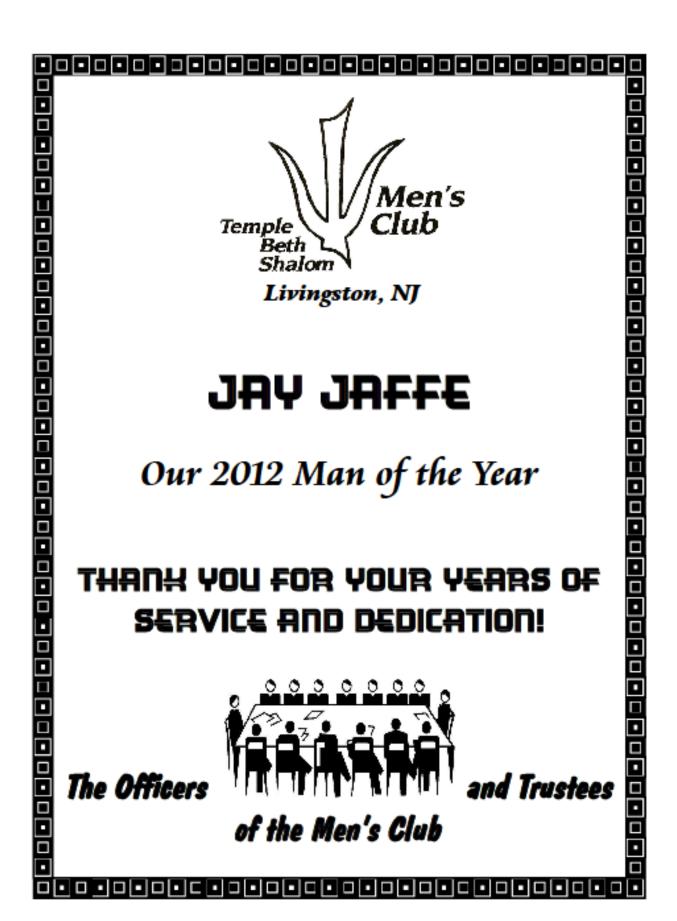
#### JAY JAFFE

Our 2012 Man of the Year

Your service, dedication and friendship are an inspiration to all of us!

YASHER KOACH:







Congratulations to

#### Jay Jaffe

Temple Beth Shalom Men's Club Man of the Year!

Mazel tov!

Love,

Tobi, Gary, Melissa, Scott, and Brittany Schwartz and the staff of PHASE Associates





# Congratulates Jay Jaffe

#### How Do You Spell Mensch?

#### JAY JAFFE

Our Man for Every Year!

Congratulations on a well-deserved honor as the 2012 Man of the Year.

From your friends at #23:

Susan, Marshall, and Michael Saunders

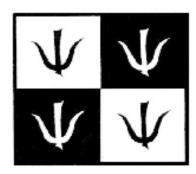
# Congratulations to **Jay Jaffe**

and all "Man of the Year" honorees!

Jay, thank you so very much for your continued leadership and commitment to our Men's Club.

The Greif Family Laura, Jeffrey & Jonathan

#### Sisterhood Temple Beth Shalom Livingston, NJ



CONGRATULATES

2012 MAN OF THE YEAR

Jay Jaffe

ON THIS WELL DESERVED HONOR

#### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

# TO OUR VERY SPECIAL MAN OF THE YEAR!

## JAY JAFFE

From your friends,
Audrey & Mike Bernstein
Jackie & Cris Colicchio
Gina & Danny Goldman
Debbie & Andrew Phillips



# THE ENTIRE JAFFE FAMILY CONGRATULATES

JAY JAFFE

ON BEING SELECTED
TEMPLE BETH SHALOM'S

"MAN OF THE YEAR"

# The CHALOM FAMILY extends its heartfelt

#### **CONGRATULATIONS**

and a sincere

MAZAL TOV to

#### JAY JAFFE

on his well-deserved honor as 2012 Temple Beth Shalom MAN OF THE YEAR!



#### TEMPLE BETH - EL MEKOR CHAYIM

Warm Place, Cool Shul.

Cranford, NJ **Is Proud to Salute** 

## **Bert Fine**

TBEMC Men's Club Man of the Year

# CONGRATULATIONS TO MY "BROTHER" BERT FINE FOR BEING HONORED AS 2012 MAN OF THE YEAR!!!

BARBARA GINSBERG

# Congratulations to Bert Fine on Being Honored as "Man of the Year" from Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim!

It's a fitting title because you're always "Man of the Year" to us.

We Love You! Heidi, Seth & Talia

#### MAZEL TOV TO A SPECIAL FRIEND

## **BERT FINE**

"MAY YOU GO FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH"

**Adele and Frederic Shafman** 

The Men's Club of Temple Beth El Mekor Chayim

Congratulates and Sends Best Wishes to

Our Most Well Deserving Friend

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## **BERT FINE**

#### **Man of the Year 2012/5773**

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

You are an inspiration to all of us. Mazel Tov

From the Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim Men's Club Board

## Mazol Tov Bert Fine

We are honored to add you to our list of previous "Man of the Year Honorees"

Phil Stein, Stu Kaback \*, Chuck Leavitt, Lance Kandl, Burt Mandell, Len Farber, Michael Scher, Irwin Rappaport, George Forest, Marty Metzger, Abe Klein\*

(\*dec'd)

Mazel Tov Freddie!

Shirley & Jerry Birenz

# MAZAL TOY

to



FRED KOTEK DAVID MIL



Temple Israel Man of the Year NNJ Region Man of the Year

We honor you for all that you do. YOU INSPIRE US!

Fondly, **Christine & Evan Dobkins** 

#### MAZEL TOV TO OUR WELL DESERVING MEN OF THE YEAR!

#### Freddie Kotek, Man of the Year!

#### David Millman, Regional Man of the Year!



Barry Kornblum
Alex Rothschild
David Weiss
Rabbi Selig Salkowitz

Arie Bortinger Chuck Fleischman Howard Schreiber Congratulations to our Men of the Year!

# Freddie Kotek and David Millman!

You both are so well deserving of the recognition as Men of the Year! You are a wonderful example for all of us!

Members of the Temple Israel Board of Directors:



### Congratulations to our MOY:



Freddie Kotek

BRANDEIS MEN'S CLUB

Man of the Year

We are so proud to have Freddie as a terrific asset to our congregation!

Todah Rabah for all of your dedication to Temple Israel!



#### MAZAL TOV ON YOUR VERY WELL DE-SERVED HONOR!

Elyse Beidner, Louis Levene, Lisa Mellman and Toby Nygaard.

To Freddie Kotek!

Merille & Harvey Siegel

# Yasher Koach to Freddie Kotek Temple Israel & JCC Man of the Year and David Millman Regional Man of the Year

The Haber Family Shari, Manny, Jakob & Carly



#### Did you know?

Each year, Northern New Jersey Region awards 2 scholarships to help USYers participate in USY On Wheels? For more information, ask a regional board member.

This year's winners are:

Matt Dietz - Temple Shalom in Bridgewater

And

Sydney Sookerman - Congregation B'nai Tikvah in North Brunswick.

We want to congratulate them and wish them a fun-filled and safe trip.









Please visit our regional website frequently at: http://www.nnjr.org





For FJMC information, log on to: http://www.fjmc.org

There's great information for you on these web sites!

Please arrive home safely

#### **SAVE THESE DATES!**



WORLD WIDE WRAP Sunday, February 3, 2013

# MEN'S CLUB SHABBAT March 8 - 9, 2013

Vayakhel-Pekudei (Exodus 35:1 - 40:38)





YOM HaShoah April 8, 2013

2013 FJMC International Convention
July 24 - 28, 2013



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July 24-28, 2013

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Danvers, Massachusetts



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

#### **OUR TRIPLE PLAY**

#### KEN GERSON

2012 MAN OF THE YEAR

#### DAVID KOSHER & BEN WEINFELD

2012 CO-YOUTHS OF THE YEAR

THANK YOU FOR YOUR

LEADERSHIP, DEDICATION, HARD-WORK AND

SELF-SACRIFICING EFFORTS

YASHER KOACH

#### Northern New Jersey Region – FJMC Twenty-third Annual



Man of the Year/
Youth of the Year
Dinner
2012/5773

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Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012 *The Grand Marquis, Old Bridge* Wednesday, November 14th, 2012 *Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael, Springfield* 

# CONGRATULATIONS TO HARVEY SETH JAFFE ON BEING

NAMED ONE OF FJMC 2012 MEN OF THE YEAR

I CANNOT THINK OF ANYONE MORE DESERVING
OF SUCH AN HONOR

HARVEY HAS TWO MAIN PASSIONS IN HIS LIFE: HIS THREE AMAZING CHILDREN

AND HIS FAITH IN GOD AND THE PRACTICE OF JUDAISM

A LEARNED AND SPIRITUAL MAN, HARVEY ALWAYS
HAS TIME TO MAKE ANYONE IN HIS PRESENCE FEEL
BETTER ABOUT THEMSELVES - WHAT A GIFT

AND HOW FORTUNATE WE ARE THAT HARVEY HAS DECIDED TO DEVOTE HIMSELF TO OUR NEXT GENERATION OF JEWISH MEN AND WOMEN, THE CHILDREN AND TEENS HE NOW TEACHES

GOD BLESSES YOU HARVEY, MY DEAR FRIEND SINCE 1963.

WITH MUCH LOVE, LAURIE

#### **Harvey Jaffe**

You are a man of distinction in all circumstances. You deserve to be honored for your integrity and the dignity with which you share your love of all things Jewish and of Yiddishkeit.

Your title should be "MENSCH" of the year. Mazal tov from the entire Labendz family, all 3 generations. We love you!

Marilyn and Ralph,
Jacob, Jenny and Zalman and baby Liba, and Barry

# Mazel Tov To Our Grandson Ben Weinfeld You never cease to amaze us and make us proud Yasher Koach Poppy, Grandma, Bubba & Poppa

#### **Mazel Tov to**

Sid Krane - Man Of the Year

Micah Lubow- Youth Of The Year

David Millman – Regional Man Of The Year

The Yellin Family

Mazel Tov

To Sid Krane

Neve Shalom's

"Man of the Year"

And to Micah Lubow, "Youth of the Year"



From your friends at Neve Shalom

Louis F. Eisenberg Morris and Yetta Gelber Dan Hirsch

Murray and Roberta Miller Marilyn Tafeet



# SPRINGFIELD PATRIOT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SPRINGFIELD NI Elliot Y Merkin - Honoree and Chamber VP

Congratulations to Elliot Y. Merkin for receiving the Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael Men's Club 2012 Man-of-the-Year award. We thank you not only for the many years of service to our Chamber of Commerce and our township of Springfield, but also for your many years of service to the Men's Club and Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael as well. We wish you many more years of continued success and good health to allow you to continue your support and involvement with the Temple and Men's Club.

Best Wishes from the Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce.

Pat Paolella and Scott Seidel - Chamber Co-Chairman



#### Northern New Jersey Region



Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs

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.

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.

"Working Together...

...We Can Do More"