



# MAN OF THE YEAR EVENT

## and Youth of the Year!



### **BETH SHOLOM CONGREGATION ELKINS PARK, PA WILLIAM (BILL) LOY**

#### **FAMILY**

Wife: Judi

Children: Jason (wife, Rachel) and Jonathon (husband, Chris)

Grandchildren: Natalie, Emily and Ethan

#### **HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE**

Overbrook High School

Penn State University, BA, Liberal Arts

#### **OCCUPATION**

Marketing Director; Montefiore Cemetery Company

#### **WORK HONORS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

- Served as Chairman, Store Managers Association of Delaware County
- Served as a Director of the Gimbels Thanksgiving Day Parade
- For the past ten years, have worked with Jewish Federation to provide special arrangements for the dignified burial and memorialization of homeless/indigent Jewish souls
- Served for approximately 20 years on Beth Sholom's Board of Directors
- Served on Rabbi Search Committee upon retirement of Rabbi Landes
- Served on multiple Congregational Committees, including Religious, Mitzvah B'Yachad, Ways and Means, Memorials
- Coordinated/recruited ushers for Friday night services for several years

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- One of the leaders in the first and only Torah creation project for our Congregation. It became the largest, single fund-raising event (excluding Capital Campaign) in congregational history
- Served as a Gabbi for several years at Minhah, Maariv, Havdalah services
- Regularly attend weekday evening Minyan and share in leading services
- Currently serving on by-laws and Mission/Vision Statement Committees

#### **HOBBIES/INTERESTS**

- Family/grandchildren
- Travel
- Chess
- Sports
- Beth Sholom
- Evening Minyan and, of course, Beth Sholom Men's Club

#### **MEN'S CLUB OFFICES YOU HAVE HELD; PROGRAMS/COMMITTEES CHAIRED**

- Vice President, Programming
- Vice President, Ways and Means
- President, Men's Club

#### **YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN MEN'S CLUB**

As President:

- Successfully implemented the initial World Wide Wrap program with over 100 in attendance, including the participation of the Hebrew High School children. Program included an educational aspect on the making of Tefillin
- Initiated the Men's Club "Sukkah Building" project at the homes of congregants. The inspiration and leadership came from one of our dedicated Directors. This program was a significant mitzvah / fund-raising project and continued for many years
- After a period of non-participation, Beth Sholom Men's Club re-entered the competition for awards (and chance to share our successes) at the FJMC Convention and enjoyed success

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### **FAVORITE MEN'S CLUB PROGRAMS**

- World Wide Wrap
- Steak and Scotch in the Sukkah (or any food/drink combo)
- Men's Club Shabbat

### **WHAT MEN'S CLUB MEANS TO ME**

I became somewhat, more "Jewishly" oriented when I decided to come to morning Minyan to recite Kaddish for my father of blessed memory. I was warmly welcomed and after a while, even invited to join the Religious Committee.

However, it wasn't until the early 90's when a friend (and at that time President of the Men's Club) invited me to join Beth Sholom Men's Club, Board of Directors. That was a significant event in my evolution as a person and a Jew. I believe that Men's Club has given me a place where I feel at home within our Synagogue and where I have established many friendships. I strongly believe that Men's Club is an easy way for guys to meet other guys in a non-competitive (except maybe our softball team – I mean that in a positive way) atmosphere, enjoy social, educational and religious activities, and best of all, each other's company.

### **REASON FOR THIS AWARD**

Bill has been a notably influential and prominent Men's Club member for almost 30 years. He is an incredible individual and is everything good about Men's Club. He embodies the spirit of our Club with his words and actions. Bill's love and endless devotion to our Club, Beth Sholom Congregation, and our local community is infectious and inspiring. He exudes an unrelenting optimism that leaves everyone he interacts with feeling happy, heard, and filled with hope.

We are lucky to have Bill involved with the Beth Sholom Men's Club. By any metric, Bill is the manliest of all men.

