



# THE CONGREGATIONS OF SHAARE SHAMAYIM PHILADELPHIA, PA ELIE ROSENBLATT

## FAMILY

Wife: Sheila Children: Aaron R. Rosenblatt, Robyn Morasch, Mitchell Levine 4 grandchildren, 1 great-granddaughter

### HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE

High School in Cuba and Israel Gratz College

#### OCCUPATION

Retired; Lay leader, Torah reader, Spanish interpreter

### WORK HONORS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

• IDF Airborne 35th Brigade: 10 years as soldier/instructor and commando

### HOBBIES/INTERESTS

- Military history
- Current events
- Photography
- Skydiving
- Studying religious texts to enable me to help as a lay person at religious services

### COMMUNITY OR JEWISH ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES

• Mostly synagogue activities

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#### YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN MEN'S CLUB

• Working on Sundays limited my participation in club activities at the synagogues where I was a member

#### FAVORITE MEN'S CLUB PROGRAMS

- Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle
- Programs related to Israel

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

Men's Club is a vital part of synagogue life. Member participation in daily and weekly ritual is especially important to me.

#### **REASON FOR THIS AWARD**

We are honoring Elie for his long service to Shaare Shamayim and Beth Emeth before our merger. Elie is the main lay leader for daily minyan and other services, and reads both Torah and Haftorah in the Traditional services. This past year, Elie helped keep services going in the face of the pandemic and the retirement of our rabbi. He helped lead minyan and Havdalah services in the shul parking lot when our building was closed. Elie also serves on the Congregation Board and the Ritual Committee.

He performs his duties with humility, joy, humor, and great stories of a fascinating life.

