



FEDERATION OF JEWISH MEN'S CLUBS
MIDDLE ATLANTIC REGION

#### MAN OF THE YEAR



# YOUTH OF THE YEAR AWARDS EVENT

25th ANNUAL
SILVER ANNIVERSARY

DECEMBER 11, 2022 17 KISLEV 5783 Year and Youth of the Year Event of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs Middle Atlantic Region! For the past 25 years, we have honored the achievements of our deserving honorees, including our youth honorees, from across our region, for their deep dedication and strong efforts on behalf of our Clubs, Synagogues, FJMC, and our Jewish Community. This year's Men and Youth of the Year are equally worthy honorees. All have distinguished themselves by their commitment and efforts to further our Men's Clubs and communities and by advancing our causes.

We are also truly delighted to be at Temple Sinai to recognize one of its esteemed members as MAR's Man of the Year. We honor Bruce Fagan not only for his past presidency of our region and his technical know-how (without which we would be lost), but also for his warmth and kindness and his commitment to Judaism and the principles we stand for. Congratulations Bruce!

We appreciate the strong guidance of our fellow regional officers and board members. This event would not happen without the support from the club presidents and event coordinators of our participating clubs, so we thank them all for their time and efforts with the event planning. With special gratitude to our event partners: Temple Sinai for hosting this event, our caterer Deluxe Catering, Jerry Emdur of our South Jersey Men's Club for creating our beautiful honoree awards, our regional board director Scott Feuer for his work on the on-line bios, TBS Men's Club member Erik Schwartz of Minuteman Press for booklet printing, Kari Kohn for the floral arrangements, Premium Event Studios for the Tribute Journal Screening, and event photographer John Costello.

We wish each honoree a heartfelt MAZEL TOV! May you go from Strength to Strength!

- Larry Nathanson and Steven Marx, Event Co-Chairs





# MAN OF THE YEAR EVENT

and Youth of the Year!



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**ALLAN KAHAN** 

On behalf of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, I want to congratulate all of the 25th Annual Middle Atlantic Region Man of the Year Honorees and Youth Scholarship honorees, for both their dedication and leadership to their Clubs, Synagogues, FJMC, and the Jewish Community.

The ten men and two young adults we honor this evening understand that leadership takes the responsibility to step up for the community, not just for themselves. And, I would think that if you ask any of them, they all would say that they have gotten more out their involvement than what they have put in. And by that, I mean that they have gained interpersonal skills, leadership skills, friendships, and the satisfaction of making a major contribution to their club, congregation, and community.

The men of the Middle Atlantic Region and the region itself, are very important to me personally. Hersh Muchnick was a cousin of my wife, and he and I had many discussions about involvement in Men's Club, and the value it provided to us to be a part of such involvement.

Alan Budman is my First Vice President, and we've formed an effective team. I make very few decisions without his valuable input. And for many of the other leaders from your region, including Bruce Tomar, Art Lashin, Joe Swerdlow, and Marc Cohen, to name just a few, I speak to them on a regular basis about the programs of our organization. And I don't want to leave your Regional Man of the Year. Bruce Fagan and I go back many years, as he's made significant and numerous contributions to so many areas of the organization, often at my request, and is well deserving of this honor.

Mazel Tov on a wonderful MAR Man of the Year and Youth Scholarship Recipient Ceremony. I am glad that I can participate in this celebration of involvement with all of you.







#### PRESIDENT OF MAR-FJMC



LESTER SHAPIRO

On behalf of our Middle Atlantic Regional Officers, Board of Directors, and Trustees, I welcome you this evening. Our highlight event would of course not be possible without all the hard work and valued support from all involved, including the leadership of all our participating clubs. I extend a Yasher Koach to our event committee, under the well guided leadership of co-chairs Larry Nathanson and Steve Marx, for a job truly well done. And of course our sincere thanks to our gracious host congregation Temple Sinai and their esteemed Men's Club.

This evening we are proud to honor ten men who have truly benefited us all through their selfless dedication and leadership to our clubs and Synagogue communities. These men, along with all of the past honorees being recognized this evening from our past quarter century, exemplify, to the highest degree, the noble and worthy values of volunteerism that are the basis of the core mission of the FJMC. They have greatly enhanced our communities, and we wish them all strength as they continue to serve.

We are also gratified to honor our two Youth Scholarship Recipients. Both are most highly deserving of this recognition, and we wish them all the best as they both go forward toward very bright futures.

We do offer our special distinction this evening to Bruce Fagan as our regional Man of the Year for his dedicated leadership and countless contributions to enrich both our region and international organization. And on a personal basis, I extend my deep appreciation to Bruce for his mentorship, support, and most significantly and gladly for his friendship.

We extend our Kol HaKavod to all being honored this evening. And as well to all of you as our guests for your most generous and appreciated support on behalf of all our honorees and towards the initiatives of our FJMC Middle Atlantic Region.







# MAN & YOUTH OF THE YEAR CELEBRATING A QUARTER CENTURY OF REGIONAL PRIDE!



JOSEPH SWERDLOW
Past Regional President
& Past International
Vice President

Our annual Man & Youth of the Year event dates back to 1998 when Past Regional President, Arnold Levin, along with the regional leadership, began an annual celebration to honor the dedication and strong efforts of club leaders and outstanding members. The event would also serve as a fundraiser to support the goals and initiatives of our Middle Atlantic Region.

The event was an immediate success with 19 clubs and over 600 participants the initial year at host congregation, Oxford Circle Jewish Community Center-B'rith Israel. The format varied over the years to include sit-down dinners, buffet cocktail parties and even an online video event during the pandemic. The awards ceremony included many novel ways of honoring our deserving Men of the Year, such as creative video presentations and Men's Club choir tributes.

The concept of a biennial Regional Man of the Year was introduced in 2006. Past International FJMC and MAR President, Larry Allen, was the first of many esteemed honorees followed by Michael Brassloff, Hersh Muchnick z"l, Dr. Stephen H. Davidoff z"l, Michael Weingram, Leonard Abrams, Joseph Swerdlow, Bruce Tomar, and this year's honoree Bruce Fagan.

The Regional Man of the Year also receives the Ma'asim Tovim (Doer of Good Deeds) Award at the following FJMC International Convention.

Beginning in 2019, the Youth of the Year award was added to the event to publicly highlight the recipients of the long-established MAR Trustees' Annual Youth Scholarship.

We are very proud to have honored so many deserving men and youth from across our Middle Atlantic Region these past 25 years and look forward to honoring the next generation of leaders as we move into our next quarter century!







#### PAST MAN OF THE YEAR HONOREES IN ATTENDANCE

#### Adath Israel

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#### Temple Sinai Larry Allen

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#### YOUTH OF THE YEAR HONOREES



#### **ALANA FRAJERMAN**

OHEV SHALOM OF BUCKS COUNTY, RICHBORO, PA

Alana, currently a confirmation student, has been a madricha (teen assistant) in our religious school for several years. She is responsible, dedicated and dependable, yet most importantly an excellent model for our younger students. Alana is proud of her Judaism and a proud camp Ramahnik. Last year, Alana was chosen to participate in a teen assistant program through Jewish Learning venture to further her skills as a teen assistant. She demonstrates those skills each session when she is in the 3rd grade classroom. The teacher she works with continually praises Alana's skills and enjoys working with her. Regardless of what she is asked to do for the students, teacher, classroom or school, Alana always does so with a smile.



#### **KYLE LEHRFELD**

CONGREGATION BETH EL, VOORHEES, NJ

It is my honor to nominate Kyle Lehrfeld as Congregation Beth El's honoree for the Middle Atlantic Region's Youth of the Year award. In Judaism there is a phrase called "going beyond the letter of the law" which I believe Kyle clearly demonstrates through his actions. Kyle consistently goes beyond the call of duty. Kyle is kind, respectful, and is a wonderful role model for our students. I can list all of Kyle's extra-curricular activities and organizations that he volunteers for, but what I believe is most important to highlight is Kyle's character. Kyle is a wonderful human being who cares about expanding his knowledge and helping others do the same. Kyle is most deserving of this prestigious award. Mazal Tov!





#### REGIONAL MAN OF THE YEAR AWARD



#### **BRUCE FAGAN**

TEMPLE SINAI, DRESHER, PA

Bruce Fagan has been involved with Temple Sinai Men's Club for several decades. He found his place there, moving up the ranks to President from 2005-2007. Bruce introduced parent/child programs to boost younger membership. He

encouraged participation with 'Roses from Israel', 'Frequent Davener Cards' and the club's biggest initiative, "Men in the Kitchen" (MITK) catering – now in its eighteenth year – which proved to be both a great service for congregants and a way to build community. Bruce was honored as the club's Man of the Year in 2010.

On the regional level, Bruce helped run numerous programs including the 'Tour de Shuls' bike ride to support Camp Ramah in the Poconos and is the region's webmaster. As president of the Middle Atlantic Region 2015-2017, he visited and brought board meetings to clubs around the region, ran the first "Drink Tank" for club leaders, along with an Israel Advocacy Program in cooperation with Women's League.

In 2006, Bruce was trained as an FJMC Keruv Consultant to help families and communities welcome intermarried couples, later co-chairing a national training weekend. He is an FJMC Board Member, serves as an advisor to two regions, runs the Zoom and web presence for FJMC Webinars and Affinity Groups, and is a committee member of the FJMC Inclusion Initiative to help our Synagogues embrace underserved community members. Bruce serves as Marketing Co-Chair and is a webmaster for the upcoming FJMC International Convention in June 2023, when he will receive the FJMC Ma'asim Tovim (Doer of Good Deeds) Award.

In his spare time, Bruce performs with his band for social events and dances, plus performs hundreds of shows each year for preschool through senior adult audiences. He also supports his many clients with promotional specialties, graphic design, and video production services.

Bruce considers his greatest accomplishments to be engaging younger men to be involved in Men's Club and working to change synagogue culture through Keruv.

Bruce and his wife, Nancy, are most proud of their children and grandchildren: Andrew and Robin with Lucy, Annika and Emmett, and Gina and Matt with Evelyn and Carsyn.

The MAR is proud to name Bruce as the Regional Man of the Year and recipient of the 2023 Ma'asim Tovim Award.







#### **HONOREES AWARDS**



#### STEVEN MARX

ADATH ISRAEL, MERION, PA

Steve Marx exemplifies the highest quality of being a Mensch. Judaism holds charity as part of the foundation of being a Jew. The most admired form is when it is done anonymously with no expectation of honor. He who honors others is truly honorable. Steve never stops trying to do more to help our beloved Shul, the people Israel and all of humanity.



#### **DAVID STERNBERG**

BETH SHOLOM CONGREGATION, ELKINS PARK, PA

For the past twenty years, David has shown leadership, dedication, and devotion to the Men's Club of Beth Sholom Congregation. He contributes his time, talents, and resources to every Men's Club project or event. He is the 2022 recipient of our club's prestigious Norman H. Abrahamson award, which was presented to him for his volunteer work and numerous contributions to our congregation's overall well-being. David, a former successful chair of the Men's Club Ways and Means Committee, was an exemplary club president for three years. Our club received the prestigious FJMC Quality Club award every year during his three-year term. David is our current Treasurer primarily because of his catchy campaign message, "Count on Someone Who Can Count." We thank David for his hard work, direction, creativity, enthusiasm, and support for our club and synagogue. Congratulations David! You are indeed our mensch of the year.





#### **RABBI AARON KRUPNICK**

CONGREGATION BETH EL, VOORHEES, NJ

Rabbi Krupnick has been our Rabbi for 25 years. From the beginning, he has been someone to admire for his devotion to our congregation. Rabbi goes above and beyond for the congregation whether it be his involvement with our youngest congregants in our Early Childhood Center to our most senior congregants. He has always been a supporter of all the arms in our synagogue, but has been especially so for our Men's Club. Through his inspirational sermons, he has inspired some of our most successful programs. Because of his ongoing support, we feel privileged to work with Rabbi Krupnick. We feel honored to have had his guidance for 25 years and look forward to his ongoing support even as he retires at the end of this year.



#### SHELDON SMITH

Congregation adath Jeshurun, Elkins Park, Pa

Oxford Circle Jewish Community Centre-Brith Israel merged with Congregation Adath Jeshurun in 2004. From that date, Sheldon has been a vital, reliable, consistent, and hardworking member of the Adath Jeshurun Men's Association (AJMA). His commitment to the AJMA has never wavered. The recognition and honor he receives at the annual Man of the Year Event is richly deserved.



#### JEFFREY PEVAR

OHEV SHALOM OF BUCKS COUNTY, RICHBORO, PA

Jeff Pevar was chosen as our Man of the Year to recognize his many years of service to our Men's Club. Jeff has served as president and and has been an active member on Board of Directors. He has organized many outings and events since becoming a member in 1991, including the annual World Wide Wrap, our Yellow Candle project and leading our Men's Club Sunday Morning Minyan as a truly participative service. Jeff has also volunteered in many ways outside of the Synagogue, including with the JCC Food Bank, Meals on Wheels, and as a tax Preparer with the AARP for seniors. We are very proud to honor Jeff as our Man of the Year!





**NELSON MELLITZ** SOUTH JERSEY MEN'S CLUB, CHERRY HILL, NJ

Through his many noble volunteer activities for South Jersey Men's Club (SJMC), Air Force Colonel Nelson L. Mellitz (retired), and a founding member of SJMC, is very deserving of the club's Man of the Year award. The current National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the US, Col. Mellitz organized annual SJMC programs to aid active Jewish military here and in Israel and Afghan children refugees locally. He led SJMC's program to memorialize our fallen Jewish veterans and those who perished on 9/11. In addition, Col. Mellitz volunteers frequently with the club at local Jewish food pantries, helps distribute Yom HaShoah candles as part of the community Holocaust remembrance event, and helps SJMC each year construct JCC's Sukkah. We are very proud to honor Nelson L. Mellitz as our Man of the Year.



JAY PERLMAN

TEMPLE BETH HILLEL-BETH EL, WYNNEWOOD, PA

Jay is the glue that holds us together. He is an under the radar, essential part of the fabric of our Men's Club, totally content to do whatever he can to help us succeed. For many years, Jay has been an active participant as part of our core Men's Club group, providing much appreciated guidance. He's always so positive, upbeat and cheerful, and willing to lend a hand no matter how big or small the task. Jay can be seen grilling, coordinating and supervising our High Holiday ushers, and prepping much needed nourishment. Jay, along with his son Bernie, annually organize an excursion to a Phillies Game. He is a behind the scenes cheerleader, offering encouragement and wisdom to many of us who have taken on leadership positions. Like glue, Jay's bond is difficult to break. We appreciate his stick to it ness. We are honored to present Jay Perlman as Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El's Man of the Year.





**HOWARD SUKINIK** 

TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM, CHERRY HILL, NJ

When people talk about the success of Temple Beth Sholom's Men's Club, they highlight our events and great group of guys. It's easy to overlook much of what goes on behind the scenes to drive that success. It's even easier to overlook how much time, effort and financial expertise is involved and needed. From collecting dues, processing payments & registration for events, reimbursing guys for purchases they make on behalf of Men's Club and simply keeping us on track financially, one guy has handled this duty for more than 3 years now. Yes, Howard Sukinik is a Certified Public Accountant. He spends every day handling financial and accounting matters for his clients. And in his spare time, he takes the same exceptional level of care and detail to our Men's Club books. If someone is past due paying for something, he let's them know, but professionally .... even me once in a while. When it comes to Men's Club, Howard is truly MONFYI



#### **NEIL GOLOFF**

THE CONGREGATIONS OF SHAARE SHAMAYIM PHILADELPHIA, PA

We are honoring Neil for his years of service to the Congregations of Shaare Shamayim as a member of the Men's club. He has been instrumental in the building of the congregational sukkah each year. He has also attended and participated in religious services on both Shabbat and on weekdays in person including the time during COVID. Additionally, he has led the yellow candle drive, and has been part of the kitchen staff that prepares, serves and cleans up after congregational meals that include Shabbat dinners, brunches and other special events. Finally, he has been an active member of the Men's club board where he has contributed ideas and has kept the club going in a positive direction. Neil and his wife Elaine have been synagogue members for 17 years and we look forward for them to remain members for at least another 17 years!





#### DANIEL ROSENBERG

TEMPLE SINAI, DRESHER, PA

Dr. Dan Rosenberg is always there for our synagogue. From the time Dan joined the shul seventeen years ago with his young family, he immersed himself in the community. His dedicated involvement in the Men's Club could be counted on to build the sukkah, help cater a luncheon with Men in the Kitchen, chair the Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle Program, or simply attend meetings and workshops. Dan has been a leader for countless endeavors at the synagogue both social and spiritual. He has pursued initiatives to the benefit of our synagogue, having held positions on the Board of Directors, the Executive Board, the Membership Committee, and most recently, bringing a physician's knowledge to his role on the Re-Opening Committee following the Covid pandemic. Our synagogue owes a debt of gratitude for Dr. Rosenberg's ongoing commitment to Jewish life and he serves as an inspiration for others to follow.





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Mazal Tov and Kol Ha'Kavod to
Dan Rosenberg

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Dan, you are a wonderful congregational leader and role model. From your support of Holocaust education to Camp Ramah, your efforts on behalf our synagogue and our movement are exceptional.

We thank you for all that you do on behalf of Temple Sinai!



Mazal Tov and Kol Ha'kavod to
Bruce Fagan

FJMC Middle Atlantic Region's
5783 Man of the Yearl

Bruce, we could not be more proud than we are of you for your marvelous and on-going contributions to our congregation and to FJMC! As a Past-President of both Temple Sinai's Men's Club & FJMC's Middle Atlantic Region you have set the standard for all Men's Club members to follow. You are an exemplary leader and teacher of Torah, and the star of our Simchat Torah celebrations! You are most deserving of this honor!

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# DAVID STERNBERG

You are always our Man of the Year.



Mazel Tov to you and all the Honorees on this well-deserved honor.

Love,
The Robin & Steven Katz Family



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to all of the Man of the Year & Youth of the Year Honorees & to Bruce Fagan, Our Region's Man of the Year

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EVERY YEAR!

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# "WE AGREE" DAVID STERNBERG Is the "MAN OF THE YEAR"

We are very proud of the path David has chosen to live his life. He is a caring and loving son, brother, husband, father, grandfather and friend. David is truly a mensch. He is an active member of Beth Sholom Congregation. He has served as the Mens Club president and treasurer, is a member of the Board of Directors and chairs several committees. In the community he helps children as a coach and board member of the Jewish Junior Basketball League as well as the Cheltenham Baseball and Soccer Leagues.

MAZEL TOV,
Philip and Helene Sternberg



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With pride and admiration, as both a leader and as a mensch, we honor our FJMC Man of the Year

#### **David Sternberg**



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