

FEDERATION OF JEWISH MEN'S CLUBS MIDDLE ATLANTIC REGION

26TH ANNUAL

MAN OF THE YEAR & YOUTH OF THE YEAR EVENT

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BETH SHOLOM CONGREGATION ELKINS PARK, PA





FROM THE EVENT CO-CHAIRS

Welcome to the 26th Annual MAR-FJMC Man of the Year/Youth of the Year Event honoring ten outstanding club members and three exceptional youth from the Region who consistently have gone above and beyond to build their club and their community to new levels.

We would like to thank our gracious host, Beth Sholom Congregation, along with their Associate Director of Programming, Stacey Salsman, and all of the Beth Sholom office staff for use of their beautiful facility and for their generous help preparing the Bornstein and Fischman auditoriums.

We also extend our deep appreciation to MAR President, Steven Pilchik, and the Executive Committee of MAR for their support in the planning and production of this wonderful evening.

Coordinating an awards dinner for a couple hundred of your good friends is no small task, and our sincere gratitude goes out to all of the other members of the MAR MOTY Committee for their tireless efforts and teamwork: Bruce Fagan, Art Lashin, Elliot Miller, Larry Nathanson, Steven Pilchik, Lester Shapiro and Michael Weingram. We also gratefully acknowledge our event partners: Jeff Litman and his staff at Deluxe Catering, Jack Levin for supplying the wine, Kari Kohn for supplying the floral arrangements, TBS Men's Club member Erik Schwartz of Minuteman Press for preparing the program booklets, and Jerry Emdur of South Jersey Men's Club for creating our beautiful honoree awards.

Most of all, Yasher Koach to each participating club and their shining stars for their hard work and commitment to supporting the FJMC and the Region. May they go from strength to strength.

- Steven Marx and Phillip Godorov Man of the Year/Youth of the Year Event Co-Chairs





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Humanity's Soul is God's Lamp (Proverbs 20:27)

I've always enjoyed the faith-based metaphors that involve the idea of "light." Even at the very beginning of the Torah, when God says, "Let there be light!" we know that the statement is literal for the creation of the world. But we also spiritually appreciate the notion of our enlightenment. And so the idea that a light is on means more than just life. It means hope.

RABBI NOAM RAUCHER

The same is true for the Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. when he preached, "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that." Again, this is another beautifully basic idea made more potent by its metaphor. Whether the Torah or MLK, the simple charge becomes a powerful mission we embrace to inspire each other.

Our purpose as Jewish men is no different: Basic but powerful. Yet our actions are not just taken to inspire others but to illuminate the world for God and announce our potential. Every time we love and share bravely, stand up to injustice, or use our vulnerabilities as a strength, we shine a light so radiant that it extends from earth to the heavens, brightening all of God's house.

To burn our lights so bright with our goodness and beauty that people can't help but stare and be joyful. Creating and keeping the flame that allows us to see each other but also inspires each of us to do more is our task as men. This is how our souls burn as bright as a torch for each other and God. Mazal tov and thank you to the youth and men of the year for their efforts to make our world a little brighter simply by sharing their light with the world.

Rabbi Noam Raucher, MA.ED Executive Director, FJMC



INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT, FJMC



On behalf of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, I want to congratulate all the 2023 Middle Atlantic Region Man and Youth of the Year Honorees and thank them for all their hard work!

The Middle Atlantic Region is one of the premier Regions in FJMC, well known for its Hersh Muchnick Leadership Development Institute, the Quad Retreat, and one of the best Regional Newsletters!

ALAN BUDMAN

The Region has produced some of the finest leaders of FJMC at the International level, among them Past International Presidents Larry Allan and Dr. Stephen Davidoff, current Executive Committee members Bruce Tomar (First Vice President) and Marc Cohen (Vice President – Regions), and active committee chairs Leonard Abrams, Bruce Fagan, Art Lashin, Lester Shapiro and Joe Swerdlow. If I inadvertently omitted anyone, I apologize. And of course, I wouldn't be writing this letter today without the training and development I was blessed to receive from the many friends I met at MAR.

Its leadership and this Man and Youth of the Year event are examples of how MAR provides great service and support to its clubs and members. From volunteering at JRA, to helping a student with learning disabilities, to Israeli advocacy, to organizing club activities, to building Sukkot, to being a Religious School teaching assistant, to organizing flower bed cleanups, to working as Club Secretary, to fundraising, to spearheading Tzedakah Games, to protecting our environment, to preparing countless meals, to setting-up & preparing meals, to reinventing the Business Networking event, and so much more, your Honorees stand out for their unselfish dedication to their clubs, congregations, and communities. They are true role models of committed leaders. Thanks for all you do for the FJMC!

Best wishes for a successful and enjoyable 2023 Man and Youth of the Year! Mazal Tov and Yasher Koach to all the honorees.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Alan Budman International President, FJMC



PRESIDENT, FJMC MIDDLE ATLANTIC REGION



On behalf of the Officers, Board of Directors and Trustees of the Middle Atlantic Region of FJMC, I welcome you to our 26th annual "Man & Youth of the Year" Awards evening event. Tonight we recognize and thank our honorees for their contributions and dedication to their synagogues, family and faith.

STEVEN PILCHIK

Our deep appreciation goes out to our entire hard-working event committee under the leadership of our co-chairs, Steven Marx and Phillip Godorov.

This evening's 10 honorees exemplify the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs motto of "Involving Jewish Men in Jewish Life." We are so proud to honor these Men of the Year, from across our region. They have selflessly volunteered their time and energy, despite their own commitments, to help us strive to achieve our vision and mission for our families, our synagogues, and our community.

We are so delighted to recognize our three regional Youth honorees for their leadership and dedication to their Synagogue communities. They are indeed the pride of our region, and we wish them all the best as they go forward in their future endeavors.

Mazel Tov and Yasher Koach, to you all, for your hard work and dedication. We are honored you include the Middle Atlantic Region as a priority and look forward to your future contributions. May you be blessed with continued success through exceptional volunteer achievements.

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

b'Shalom,

Steven Pilchik President, FJMC Middle Atlantic Region







YOUTH OF THE YEAR HONOREES



KYLE GOLDSTEIN CONGREGATION BETH EL, VOORHEES, NJ

What makes Kyle stand out from others is his ability to integrate his love of making a difference in other's lives, and his devotion to his Jewish heritage while maintaining his studies and other extracurricular activities. It shows that Kyle not only possesses great organizational skills, but also knows where his priorities lie. Kyle is kind, respectful, and a wonderful role model for all. I can list all of Kyle's impressive gualities,

but what I believe is most important to highlight is his character. Kyle is a wonderful human being who cares about expanding his knowledge and interests and helping others to do as well.



JOSEPH "JOEY" MORALES CONGREGATION TIFERETH ISRAEL, BENSALEM, PA

Joey Morales has been involved in synagogue life since he was a toddler. He graduated from our Nursery school, our Hebrew School, and is an enthusiastic participant in our Hebrew High School program where he is working toward confirmation. Joey is dedicated to caring for and protecting our environment. For his Bar Mitzvah project, he organized and enlisted the community to clean up and restore a portion

of the Neshaminy Creek and continues to help maintain it. He is a loving son and brother helping to take care of his little sister. We are proud to have Joey as a member of the Tifereth Israel community.



JARON SHELOW BETH SHOLOM CONGREGATION, ELKINS PARK, PA

Jaron Shelow has demonstrated dedication and maturity through volunteering for worthy causes and exhibiting exemplary character in helping others through school and community service. After his Confirmation at Beth Sholom, he volunteered to tutor a student with learning difficulties and Hebrew to another student. In the community, he is becoming an Emergency Medical Technician at the Second Alarmers

Rescue Squad in Willow Grove. In May 2023, the Beth Sholom Men's Club selected Jaron for the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs Youth Leadership Award for his dedication, reliability, and leadership qualities.





MAN OF THE YEAR HONOREES



DARYL BENZ

KESHER ISRAEL CONGREGATION, WEST CHESTER, PA

Daryl Benz has a tremendous commitment to Kesher Israel Congregation and to the Men's Club, making his selection as Man of the Year an obvious choice. As a Vice President of the Synagogue, Daryl looks after our campus. If there is a volunteer project that needs doing to keep our Synagogue facility running smoothly and our safety looked after, Daryl steps in and takes care of the issue quickly, efficiently and without fanfare. For all of his contributions and a deep love of Judaism and the Synagogue, Daryl is Kesher Israel's Man of the Year.



JERRY BRALOW

CONGREGATION BETH EL. VOORHEES, NJ

Jerry has been an integral part of the Men's Club for several years, consistently demonstrating outstanding commitment, leadership, and dedication to the community. His contributions and involvement, including his innovative ideas and organizational skills, have been instrumental in furthering the club's mission and impact as well as fostering a sense of camaraderie and connection within the Men's Club. Moreover, Jerry's passion for community service extends beyond the Men's Club. He is often seen volunteering for broader community initiatives, embodying the values of service and giving back. In summary, Jerry Bralow's unwavering dedication, leadership, and positive impact within the Men's Club make him an exceptional nominee for the Men's Club Man of the Year award.



RALPH BROWN CONGREGATIONS OF SHAARE SHAMAYIM, PHILADELPHIA, PA

Our Men's Club is honoring Ralph Brown, Congregations of Shaare Shamayim Maintenance Man, as our Man of the Year. He has been invaluable in assisting Men's Club in supporting special events in recent years, including during the pandemic, given the fact that membership has steadily declined and is aging. Without him, we wouldn't have been able to build the congregational sukkah and set up for special events such as the Men's Club paid up dinner, the annual blood drive, the annual beef and beer, and the semi-annual meet the candidates forum. In addition, he supports other events at the synagogue such as those sponsored by Sisterhood, Pre-School and the synagogue in general.



HOWARD ELGART TEMPLE BETH HILLEL-BETH EL, WYNNEWOOD, PA

Howard spearheaded a new event, Tzedakah Games, bringing color war and tzedakah to TBHBE. Through his efforts from leading the team, we had over 150 students participate in Tzedakah Games, as well as raised over \$30k for tzedakah. The success of this event was due to his leadership and vision, and through his efforts he was able to build the base for our next generation of Men's Club leaders.



MYRON GOLDMAN

BETH SHOLOM CONGREGATION, ELKINS PARK, PA

We honor Myron Goldman for his contributions to Beth Sholom and our Club and his unifying force and dedicated work as Club Secretary for five years, keeping us on task. Myron has contributed much of his time, energy, and talent to help our community, synagogue, and Club prosper and grow. To Myron, the Men's Club is the coming together of men from different generations to share in social, religious, and educational events.



RICHARD GORDON

CONGREGATION BETH EL-NER TAMID, BROOMALL, PA

Rich is a very dedicated member of our Men's Club at Beth El-Ner Tamid. He has gracefully been the treasurer for over 15 years. During that time, he has helped make the Men's Club profitable and successful. As Chair of our Annual Gala Ad Book, Rich has tirelessly helped raise tens of thousands of dollars for our club which supports our programing, Congregational needs, and contributing to building a cohesive Jewish community. Most importantly, Rich is a good friend and a real Mensch! Rich is very deserving of this honor and it makes us all proud that he is our Man of the Year.



JACOB SITMAN TEMPLE SINAI, DRESHER, PA

Jacob Sitman is the self-proclaimed biggest fan of the Tottenham Hotspur Football Club on this side of the pond! When he's not rooting for his favorite soccer team, Jake is extremely active in synagogue leadership serving on the Executive Committee for many years, currently as Executive Vice President. For our Men's Club, Jake is a selfless volunteer who reliably pitches in, showing up when we need him most with everything from grilling under the sweltering sun to serving as our club's head of the beer selection committee. We are so fortunate to have Jake among our ranks and offer heartfelt congratulations on this well-deserved recognition.



MICHAEL PERLOFF

SOUTH JERSEY MEN'S CLUB, CHERRY HILL, NJ

Mike has been a major influence in the successes of the South Jersey Men's Club. As one of the founders of the Club, Mike has been a great supporter of Israel in multiple ways, including volunteering twice to work at military bases in Israel. Also, he has been a great asset to our community by working with the police of South Jersey for many years; including our Law Enforcement Breakfast that attracted 240 police chiefs and regional law enforcement personnel this past November. Mike cares for the Club in multiple ways and is admired and respected by all our members.



WILLIAM WANKOFF ADATH ISRAEL, MERION STATION, PA

Bill is a mensch. He doesn't seek praise or compliments or any recognition. He just steps up, rolls up his sleeves and pitches in and organizes as necessary. He does the right thing for Men's Club and the community. As a vital member of Al's Men's Club, he became a key part of the team that prepares our monthly congregational brunches and also organizes our annual Dinner in the Sukkah, building it into a huge success. He's a retired Civil Engineer who continues to have a keen interest in environmental issues and is an active member of the Tikun Adama committee. He's a proud husband, father and grandfather, and like him, his immediate family members also actively contribute to the Jewish community.



MICHAEL PERLOW TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM, CHERRY HILL, NJ

Mike Perlow has given tirelessly for the Temple Beth Sholom Men's Club. During His 8 plus years of involvement on the Men's Club Board, we have seen continuous growth of membership, participation, and fundraising. Mike initiated a very successful Business Networking program attended by over 75 members this past year. His passion for fundraising has brought in record contributions which has in turn has given our Men's Club opportunities to support projects in and around our community. Mike helped set up the framework to make these programs sustainable and repeatable from year to year.

View Photos & Full Bios of all our 2023 Man & Youth of the Year Honorees at our regional website: www.marfjmc.org

Tribute Journal & Ceremony Video Coming Soon





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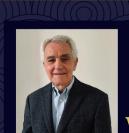


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MAZAL TOV

to Adath Israel's Man of the Year

WILLIAM WANKOFF

Yasher Koach! From The Adath Israel Men's Club, Congregation, and Staff

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From the Officers Board of Directors & Past Regional Presidents of the FJMC Middle Atlantic Region

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