



# MAN OF THE YEAR & YOUTH OF THE YEAR EVENT



## **JOSEPH "JOEY" MORALES** TIFERETH ISRAEL, BENSALEM, PA

### **FAMILY**

Parents: Joseph and Melissa Morales  
Sister: Brielle Morales (10 years old)

### **SCHOOL ATTENDING/GRADE**

8th grade Shafer Middle School

### **SCHOOL HONORS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Joey recently had his essay selected to be entered into the township Unity contest. Results pending.

### **RELIGIOUS SCHOOL EDUCATION**

Kinder through 7th grade religious school.  
Now attends Tifereth Israel's Jewish Teen Experience

### **SYNAGOGUE ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Currently volunteers at the Sunday school

### **BAR MITZVAH PROJECT**

Organized Neshaminy Creek clean up days, bettering the area in which we spend so much of our recreational time

### **HOBBIES/INTERESTS/SPORTS**

Joey plays football for his middle school. He is a lover of the outdoors: whether longboarding, biking, or hanging out, but mostly Joey loves fishing. It is his passion. From fishing in the Neshaminy Creek and local lakes to the ocean and the bays, he has over 70 species on his life list so far and doesn't seem to be slowing down. From micro fish to giant tarpon and mahi, fishing is life for this kiddo.

Joey likes to create with his hands. He makes fishing lures from carving wood and other materials and enjoys drawing, especially sketching different species of fish. Joey spend hours at a work bench perfecting his knots, making lures and rigs.

### **SUMMER EXPERIENCES**

No camp here. Since Mom teaches we spend the summers doing day trips, hanging by the creek and creating memories together.

### **REASON FOR THIS AWARD**

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.