



MAN OF THE YEAR AWARD RECIPIENT MIDDLE ATLANTIC REGION

FEDERATION OF JEWISH MEN'S CLUBS 2016-2017



BETH SHOLOM MEN'S CLUB, ELKINS PARK, PA **RICHARD P. HELLER**

FAMILY

Spouse: Joan

Children: Dr. Cara Heller, Jesse Heller, and Jesse's wife, Carly Heller

EDUCATION

B.S., Cornell University School of Industrial and Labor Relations;

J.D., Rutgers University School of Law - Newark

OCCUPATION

Regional Attorney, National Labor Relations Board, Philadelphia, PA

HOBBIES/INTERESTS

Travel, biking, reading, movies, music, fantasy baseball and football, and following the NY Yankees, NY Giants, NY Knicks, and Penn State football.

BUSINESS HONORS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Long-time Trial Attorney, Supervisor and Manager at the NLRB
- Received the national "Excellence in Management" award for the NLRB
- Regularly represents the NLRB in speaking engagements at legal conferences and various academic and corporate events
- Serves as President of the Synagogue at the State Correctional Institution at Graterford
- Former co-chairperson of the Beth Sholom Adult Education Committee
- For the last 22 years, has been a volunteer tutor for first-graders at the Gen. George A. McCall School in Center City
- Regular rider at the Tour de Shuls

MEN'S CLUB OFFICES HELD

Secretary, Vice-President of Communications, Vice-President at-Large, Board member

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SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN MEN'S CLUB

- Took and transcribed the minutes of Board meetings for more than nine years
- Helped develop the Men's Club page on the Beth Sholom website
- Helps support the Jewish Congregation at Graterford
- Serves as a prayer leader at evening Minyan services

FAVORITE MEN'S CLUB PROGRAMS

- Working with the Jewish Congregation at Graterford
- Steak, Spirits and Sports in the Sukkah
- Sunday brunches
- Tour de Shuls

WHAT MEN'S CLUB MEANS TO ME

Men's Club provides an opportunity to help serve our wonderful synagogue and the Jewish community as a whole. It has also helped enable me to develop friendships with a committed and talented group of men.

REASON FOR THE AWARD

Richard has been a President's dream to work with as a board member and recording secretary which he has performed under several Men's Club presidents. He always is one of the first people to volunteer whenever help is needed and more importantly he is steadfastly reliable. His warm and friendly demeanor is an added bonus and appreciated by everyone.