



## MAN OF THE YEAR AWARD RECIPIENT MIDDLE ATLANTIC REGION

### FEDERATION OF JEWISH MEN'S CLUBS 2017-2018



#### CONGREGATION BETH EL, VOORHEES, NJ LARRY HANOVER

##### **FAMILY**

Spouse: Cheryl

Children: Tyler and Gabrielle

##### **EDUCATION**

Temple University, Journalism degree, 1988

##### **OCCUPATION/ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Editor and writer with Educational Testing Service's Center for Global Assessment. 10th year serving on Temple University's adjunct journalism faculty. Co-authoring a second book on "How parents can teach empathy to their children."

Larry's career highlight came in the summer with the publication of *Rebuilt from Broken Glass: A German Jewish Life Remade in America* (Purdue University Press, 2017), a memoir he coauthored with Holocaust survivor Fred Behrend. Larry spoke about the book at the FJMC's international convention in Washington, D.C., in July, including an FJMC-arranged event to present a copy to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. The authors have made numerous appearances for synagogues, men's clubs and other groups throughout the region. The book has been recommended by the New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education and sold out its initial print run.

Larry was an award-winning reporter and editor for *The Times of Trenton* (New Jersey) from 1988 to 2006 and worked briefly for the *Courier-Post* of Cherry Hill (N.J.). He has written on subjects as diverse as the anthrax crisis after the 9/11 attacks, education, politics, and professional sports. He later served as senior public relations manager for the New Jersey Schools Development Authority (2006-2010).

##### **MEN'S CLUB OFFICE HELD**

Second year as president of the Congregation Beth El Men's Club and has been a member of the synagogue for nearly 25 years.

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### **MEN'S CLUB PROGRAMS**

Larry has overseen a period of strong membership growth and high-profile events for Beth El Men's Club, including visits by a top official from the Anti-Defamation League and by Matt Katz, a nationally renowned reporter who has written a book on Chris Christie. He enjoys spreading the club's activities and camaraderie with more and more men throughout the shul.

Larry is also a member of the Beth El Adult Choir and is a tutor in the synagogue's B'nai Mitzvah program. In addition, he chants Torah and Haftarah during Shabbat services on a regular basis.