



MAN OF THE YEAR EVENT



MIDDLE ATLANTIC REGION
FEDERATION OF JEWISH MEN'S CLUBS

MAN OF THE YEAR AWARDS



BRUCE TOMAR
MA'ASIM TOVIM
REGIONAL MAN OF THE YEAR

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We gladly welcome you to the 23rd annual Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs Middle Atlantic Region Man of the Year Event. We are so proud this year to honor eight very deserving men from across our region for their deep dedication and strong efforts, on behalf of our Clubs, Synagogues, FJMC and our Jewish Community.

This year we are also very excited to honor our Ma'asim Tovim Award (good deeds) honoree, Bruce Tomar, Past Regional President. When we talk about Men's Club, we say getting men from the synagogue involved in a way that combines religious, social, study and togetherness. Today we are a brotherhood because of it! We hope that you all enjoy this year's virtual event, a hopefully one-time deference to the Covid-19 pandemic.

We appreciate the strong guidance of our fellow regional officers and board members. Also, this event would not happen without the support from the club presidents and event coordinators of our participating clubs, so we thank them for all of their time and efforts with the event planning. And special gratitude to our event partners: Jerry Emdur of our South Jersey Men's Club for creating our beautiful honoree awards, and Bruce Fagan for creating the virtual presentation.

Finally, and most importantly, we want to thank the members of our event committee for all of their long hours and tireless efforts: Marc Cohen, Art Lashin, Bruce Fagan, Scott Feuer, Jason Waksman, Ed Moses, Dr. Steve Moskowitz, and Lester Shapiro. Without their expertise and wonderful teamwork, this event could not be possible.

We wish all of our honorees a heartfelt MAZEL TOV and may you all go from Strength to Strength!

- Steven Pilchik and Paul Kaplan, Event Co-Chairs





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STEVEN PILCHIK

EVENT CO-CHAIR, MAN OF THE YEAR EVENT
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PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

MARC COHEN

PRESIDENT, MAR-FJMC, TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM

IN MEMORIAM

DR. STEPHEN H. DAVIDOFF z"l

LARRY ALLEN, PAST INTERNATIONAL FJMC PRESIDENT
& PAST MAR PRESIDENT

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INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT FJMC



TOM SUDOW

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks z"l, asked the following question, "If leadership is the solution, what is the problem? On this, the Torah could not be more specific. The problem is a failure of responsibility." The MAR Men of the Year are being recognized this evening for taking responsibility. These leaders have time, talents, and guidance to involve people in Jewish call to service with Henani – here I am! With that, they have become leaders and truly deserve this recognition of MAR has set an important example for the Region and for the International FJMC.

On behalf of the leadership of the FJMC, I want to extend our hearty Mazel Tov to: Adam Benn, Ralph Floyd, Kenneth Krivitzky, Harry Lessig, Avi Mindlin, Steven Moskowitz, Bob Rosenthal, and Douglas Zolotor. Thank you for all that you continue to do for the Jewish Community. To you and your families a hearty Mazel Tov and may you go from strength to strength.

The Middle Atlantic Region is known for the leaders that you have given to the FJMC. Steve (Stevie) Davidoff z"l, was the leaders leader. He was the one we turned to for wisdom and advice. Stevie is deeply missed by all and many days I look to my phone to call him, for he was one of my mentors. May his memory be for a blessing.

The FJMC has its own Batman – Bruce Tomar, the Region's Ma'asim Tovim recipient, a real life superhero! No job is too big or small, when the FJMC needs something we call Bruce. And he never says no! He is a true doer of good deeds and a role model for all. Bruce is a most worthy recipient of this high honor and to be recognized for his "good heart". Mazel Tov my friend on this well deserved honor!

Last to the leadership of MAR, you are leading a model Region for the FJMC and we applaud your hard work and dedication. It is a pleasure working with all of you!



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PRESIDENT OF MAR-FJMC



MARC COHEN

On behalf of the Officers, Board of Directors and Trustees of the Middle Atlantic Region of FJMC, I welcome you to our 23rd annual "Man of the Year" Virtual Awards event. This evening we recognize and thank these special men for their contributions and dedication to their synagogues, family and faith. This evening we also honor our MAR "Regional Man of the Year" Bruce Tomar for his leadership and dedication to MAR. MAR will also honor Dr. Stephen H. Davidoff z"l, Past MAR President, Past International FJMC President, for his contributions to MAR and his everlasting mark he left on us all.

Thank you to all our guests who are joining us virtually tonight for supporting our honorees. The last we saw everyone was in December 2019 at Temple Beth Sholom in Cherry Hill, NJ, as 350 people attended. Now, we meet virtually for the first time for our Man of the Year event. Unprecedented times call for unprecedented measures, and we do this because of the importance to honor these men, who have helped their clubs in this extraordinary time.

This evening's eight honorees exemplify the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs motto of "Involving Jewish Men in Jewish Life." These passionate men are actively involved in improving and continuing the support of their club, synagogue, and region. They have selflessly volunteered their time and energy, despite their own commitments, to help us achieve our vision and mission for the local Jewish community.

Mazel Tov and Yasher Koach for your hard work and dedication. We are proud to have you as part of our team and look forward to your future contributions. May you be blessed with continued success through exceptional volunteer achievements. Enjoy the event, stay safe and may we all be together again next year.





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IN MEMORIAM



**DR. STEPHEN H.
DAVIDOFF ז"ל**

We remember Steve for his long record of service to the FJMC, MAR, and Congregation Adath Jeshurun. At AJ he was congregation Secretary and Vice President. While president and honorary president of AJ's Men's Association, his club earned nine national Torch Awards including First Place: Best Overall Activities.

Steve was MAR President from 1984-1986. During his term, MAR created its Guide to Organization, Program and Services; took part in citywide services for the Jewish blind; ran congregational-level Tay-Sachs awareness screening programs; provided Purim entertainment at homes for the Jewish elderly; broke ground for the Lee Linder MAR Ramah Poconos Recreation Center, and endowed a classroom at the Mandel Education Center. He received the Samuel Horowitz Award for distinguished service to MAR.

Steve served as FJMC International President from 1997-1999. During this time, FJMC developed and published the Hearing Men's Voices Series and produced Ties That Bind, an educational videotape about tefillin. FJMC began the tradition of the President's Torah Mantel, a needlepoint Torah cover crafted by Steve's wife, Chellie, awarded to succeeding Federation presidents. Steve served on the Leadership Council of the Conservative Movement, was Vice President of Mercaz, Vice President of the World Council of Synagogues and sat on the Board of Trustees of the Jewish Theological Seminary.





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MA'ASIM TOVIM AWARD



**BRUCE TOMAR,
REGIONAL
PRESIDENT**

Bruce Tomar has been involved in men's club since the early '80s when he joined Oxford Circle Jewish Community Center, served on the programming committee, and organized the first annual Sweetheart's dance. He moved to Cherry Hill, NJ in 1985, joined Congregation Beth El and became club president in 1992. Bruce established the Jewish Athletic League in South Jersey and mentored younger men who ultimately became the future leaders of men's club.

After being named his club's Man of the Year in 2001, Bruce became involved at the regional level in the Middle Atlantic Region. He served on many committees, chaired two Man of the Year dinners, and organized retreats with neighboring regions. These experiences served Bruce well on his election as Regional President of MAR from 2008-2010. The penultimate event during his tenure was having the honor to host the 2009 FJMC convention in Philadelphia.

Since 2010 Bruce has chaired two Leadership Development Institutes, plus committees for three conventions. Bruce has served on the FJMC Executive Committee for the past four administrations and is completing his tenure as vice president of regions.

Bruce grew up in Philadelphia, graduated from Northeast High School in 1971 and attended the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science, earning his bachelor's degree in Science for Pharmacy in 1976.

Married since 1976, Bruce and his lovely and supportive wife Marcia have three children – Jennifer, David (married to Bree) and Heather (married to Andy) and three grandchildren – Zachary, Alana and Harvest.

Bruce firmly believes that the strength and future of men's club has always been and will continue to be a strong grass roots movement at both the club and community levels.

The MAR is proud to name Bruce as the Regional Man of the Year and recipient of the 2021 Ma'asim Tovim award.





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RECIPIENTS AWARDS



AVI MINDLIN

BETH SHOLOM CONGREGATION, ELKINS PARK, PA

Avi enjoys the Men's Club so he can connect with others interested in supporting the local Jewish Community, especially those interested in supporting and growing Beth Sholom Congregation. He appreciates all of his fellow Men's Club members, and their enthusiasm for the future of Judaism and love for the Jewish community. Avi looks forward to continuing to grow in his role with Beth Sholom and the Men's Club.



HARRY LESSIG

CONGREGATION ADATH JESHURUN, ELKINS PARK, PA

Harry served as AJMA President in the 1980s. During that time he supported critical initiatives to strengthen the Men's Association. Since then, he has served the in Congregation Executive Committee positions including VP, Assistant Treasurer, Secretary as well as membership on the Board of Trustees and Religious Practices Committee. He has assumed, in the past year, the role of co-President of the AJMA. He helped organize this year's Men's Club Shabbat and has been a regular helper in the kitchen for our popular Sunday breakfast programs.



ADAM J. BENN

CONGREGATION BETH EL, VORHEES, NJ

Adam's enthusiastic participation and dynamic outgoing personality have helped to continue the unique community bond that this collaboration has created. His devotion to Men's Club, and his good nature, have been a very positive influence on the growth and stability of our club.



RECIPIENTS AWARDS



RALPH G. FLOYD

CONGREGATION BROTHERS OF ISRAEL,
NEWTOWN, PA

Ralph receives the 2021 Man of the Year Award because he exemplifies the bonds of brotherhood and friendship both within our synagogue and the community at large. No matter what the task, no matter how large or how small, Ralph is someone who accepts responsibility and always comes through with excellence and dependability.



STEVEN MOSKOWITZ

THE CONGREGATIONS OF SHAARE SHAMAYIM
PHILADELPHIA, PA

This is the place where you can show how important synagogue family is. Steve is there for services to help make minyan for anybody who needs it for special prayers. Other times he runs events for families to just have fun. He's always been available to lend a hand, and still is. He planned many of the events and organized the execution.



KENNETH KRIVITZKY

TEMPLE BETH HILLEL-BETH EL, WYNNEWOOD, PA

Our Men's Club represents a chance to build meaningful and positive relationships with other members of our synagogue and community. It fosters fellowship, the opportunity to volunteer together, and support one another. It is an entryway into both our community and synagogue leadership. What Ken truly loves about our Men's Club is that if a member has an idea, the club will do everything in its power to support that idea and bring it to fruition.



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DOUGLAS ZOLOTOR

TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM, CHERRY HILL, NJ

Men's Club involvement is defined by commitment to our Jewish values, and Doug defines Temple Beth Sholom Men's Club as strongly as anyone. Doug's commitment to volunteering with our Men's Club was as outstanding as the dino ribs and chicken he smoked for us. His friendship and personality are as exceptional as the bourbon we all miss enjoying together.



ROB ROSENTHAL

TEMPLE SINAI, DRESHER, PA

Meeting brothers that may have different backgrounds, politics, and personalities with an open mind and a true heart. Reaching out of your comfort zone to make new friends and perspectives. Creating an environment of positive community, openness, and supporting each other. Helping to resolve differences. It means pulling in new members that may not be of the opinion that men's club could be for them. And making new friends.



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