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FROM THE EVENT CO-CHAIRS

Welcome to the 27th Annual MAR-FJMC Man of the Year Awards and Dinner honoring ten outstanding club members, four exceptional youth and our regional Man of the Year, Arthur Lashin, who consistently go above and beyond to build and inspire their clubs, their synagogues and the region's Jewish community.

We would like to thank our gracious host, Adath Israel, along with their Executive Director, Lauren Marks-Cabanas, the Adath Israel office and maintenance staffs and Congregation President Cathy Miller for use of their beautiful facility and for their generous help preparing the Tabas and Girsch 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, Arthur Lashin, Larry Nathanson, Steven Pilchik, Nuri Boardman, Todd Sokol and Lester Shapiro. We also gratefully acknowledge our event partners: Jeff Litman, Jade Rodriguez and the staff at Deluxe Catering, Jack Levin for supplying the wine, Kari Kohn for supplying the floral arrangements, Temple Beth Sholom Men's Club member Erik Schwartz of Minuteman Press for preparing the program booklets, and Jerry Emdur of our 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 Middle Atlantic 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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RABBI NOAM RAUCHER
Executive Director, FJMC

"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.

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





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ALAN BUDMAN
International President, FJMC

On behalf of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, I want to congratulate all the 2024 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 Hersch Muchnick Leadership Development Institute, the Quad Region Retreat, and one of the best Regional Newsletters! 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 bringing education and spiritual events to the Men's Club, to donating the signs and plaques to the Club, to promoting youth programs and athleticism, to being the Treasurer of the Club, to being the buyer and AV guy, to being the Executive Director and keeping the shul alive, to conducting adult education classes and preparing the Sunday Brunches, to heading the Fundraising Committee and being Yellow Candle Chair, to running Bourbon and BBQ events, to food buying and idea giving, to volunteering to read Torah and caring for his community, 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 2024 Man and Youth of the Year!
Mazal Tov and Yasher Koach to all the honorees.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Alan Budman
International President, FJMC





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STEVEN PILCHIK

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 27th 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.

Our deep appreciation and Yasher Koach to our event committee, under the well guided leadership of co-chairs Steven Marx and Phillip Godorov, for a job truly well done! Our sincere thanks to our gracious host congregation Adath Israel and their esteemed Men's Club.

This evening's 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, 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 and our synagogues. They have greatly enhanced our communities, and we wish them all strength as they continue to serve.

We are so delighted to recognize four 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.

With high esteem, this evening we are privileged to honor our Ma'asim Tovim, our "Regional Man of the Year", Art Lashin, for his leadership and dedication to our Middle Atlantic Region. His dedicated leadership and countless contributions enrich both our region and international organization. Personally, I wish to extend my deep appreciation to Art for his mentorship, support, and most significantly for his friendship.

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 as our guests, for your most generous and appreciated support on behalf of all our honorees and towards the initiatives of our Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs' Middle Atlantic Region, Thank you!

b'Shalom,

Steven Pilchik
President, FJMC Middle Atlantic Region





YOUTH OF THE YEAR

H O N O R E E S



RACHEL & MAYA GAVRIN

Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El, Wynnewood, PA

We are honored to recognize the achievements of Maya and Rachel Gavrin. Over the past three years, they have given tirelessly of themselves to the synagogue community. As active members of our synagogue, Rachel and Maya have ensured that youth programming and participation within our community are at an all time high. As madrachiyot in our religious school, the Gavrins have formed relationships with kids of all ages. On a typical Saturday, dozens of children will flock to them for entertainment and camaraderie. Maya and Rachel also served as our Maccabean captains for last year's Tzedakah Games, bringing ruach, sportsmanship, and enjoyment to our competition. We look forward to many more years of service and warmth from Rachel and Maya.



AARON MIROWITZ

Temple Beth Sholom, Cherry Hill, NJ

Aaron Mirowitz is a "doogma," role model, and leader in our Temple Beth Sholom community. Together with his family, Aaron actively works on hesed and tzedakah projects that have a profound impact on the South Jersey community. Aaron participates in the TBS "Cook for a Friend" project making meals for the Betsy and Peter Fischer Food Pantry for those in need. Aaron has used his leadership roles in BBYO where he is a regional Shalich and at TBS to stand up against antisemitism. He is also an active member of HaMakom 11th grade teen education program where he learns at TBS once a week. In addition to all of these pieces, Aaron is also a madrikh in our religious school, helping students in our younger grades continue to learn in our school! Mazal tov to Aaron for this very deserving recognition!



AIDEN YANOFF

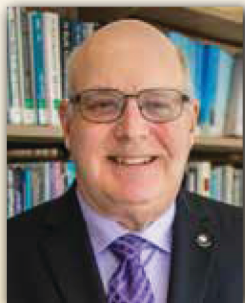
Adath Israel, Merion Station, PA

Aiden Yanoff has been involved in synagogue life, working at Makom, our Hebrew school program, volunteering to read the Torah, and being an enthusiastic participant in our confirmation class. Aiden has dedicated his time to caring for his community through volunteering at the Philadelphia Friendship Circle. We could list Aiden's impressive qualities, but what we believe is most important is to highlight his character. Aiden is a kind human being who exemplifies what it means to be a leader in the Adath Israel community.





MAR REGIONAL MAN OF THE YEAR



ARTHUR LASHIN

**Beth Sholom Congregation, Elkins Park, PA
FJMC Middle Atlantic Region Man of the Year**

Art Lashin is a dedicated individual who has significantly impacted his synagogue and community. Art and his wife, Eileen, have been members of Beth Sholom Congregation since 1976. He has held various leadership positions within the Men's Club, including President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and Programming VP, demonstrating his commitment and leadership within the organization. Art's passion for the Men's Club is unwavering, rooted in his belief that it provides a valuable platform for men to engage with and contribute to the Jewish community.

His involvement extends to the Middle Atlantic Region, where he served as Regional President and Treasurer and contributed to organizing events such as the Man of the Year, Leadership Development Institute, and the Quad Region Retreat. Additionally, Art has been actively involved internationally with the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, serving as the Shoah Yellow Candle™ Program Chair and a member of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors.

Outside of his FJMC involvement, Art had a successful 42-year career as a managing attorney at a major Philadelphia law firm. He dedicated his free time to philanthropy, including volunteering at the National Pediatric Cancer Foundation and serving for twenty years as a board member and Vice President at the Hebrew Free Loan Society of Greater Philadelphia.

His life is guided by the motto, "Always find time for things that make you happy to be alive." His diverse hobbies, such as traveling, gardening, fishing, and birding, reflect this philosophy. These activities bring him joy and showcase his zest for life, love for exploration, and appreciation of nature.

Art and Eileen have been happily married for 48 years, a testament to their enduring love and commitment. They have two children, Andrew and Debra, their spouses, Jillian and Adam, and four grandchildren: Everly, Brielle, Emmy, and Lennox. Their close-knit family is a source of joy and strength for Art, and their support has been instrumental in his many achievements.

Art is honored for his outstanding contributions, which have left a lasting impact on his synagogue and region. His dedication to synagogue and community service continues to inspire others, and his priorities align with enhancing membership growth, club retention, and programming. Art expresses his heartfelt gratitude to the MAR Regional Board and his friends at the Beth Sholom Men's Club for their continuous support in nurturing the growth and needs of his Club, Region, and FJMC.





MAN OF THE YEAR H O N O R E E S



DR. MARC BELITSKY

Congregation Beth El-Ner Tamid, Broomall, PA

Marc has been our dedicated Men's Club leader for the last 14 years. During that time, Marc has been a champion of mitzvah projects for the congregation, Jewish education projects with our "Brunch with Speakers" program, spiritual programs including our Men's Club Shabbat, and fundraising and celebratory programs including our Annual Gala dinner.

Marc also connected our synagogue to the FJMC Middle Atlantic Region network of clubs and introduced the World Wide Wrap and Shoah Yellow Candle programs to our congregation. In addition to being both the activity and inspirational leader behind our Men's Club, Marc is our current congregational co-president. He is devoted to building a cohesive Jewish community and is always available when volunteers are needed. Most importantly, Marc is a true friend and a real Mensch! Marc is very deserving of this honor and our community is very proud that he is our Man of the Year.



ROBERT DAVIDSON

Ohev Shalom of Bucks County, Richboro, PA

Bob and his family have been members of Ohev Shalom of Bucks County since the Fall of 1993. He joined the Men's Club soon after and was our President 1997 through 2001. During this time the Men's Club grew from about 20 members to over 140 members. It is during this time the Chapter became affiliated with the FJMC Middle Atlantic Region. For many years, Bob

was the head chef for our "famous" Men's Club breakfasts and continues to help out as needed. He has also starred in our Synagogue's musical productions and is a member of the Synagogue's Choir. He has led Minyan Services, some Friday Night Services during the summer, and leads Shacharit on Yom Kippur. The Ohev Shalom Men's Club is proud to honor Bob for his many years of service to the club and our congregation.



JEROME EMDUR

South Jersey Men's Club, Cherry Hill, NJ

Jerry has been an integral member of the club for thirty years. He has graciously provided, with no compensation for his work and materials, all of the printing and signs that have contributed to the popularity of our club among our members and community. He has also taken on a significant role to support the recognition our club has received through the accumulation of many Regional and National awards over the years. Jerry is always ready to respond immediately to our needs. He has participated on our efforts to recruit new members and maintain their memberships. He has also given us valued guidance in running the club over all these years.



JEREMY HELLER

Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El, Wynnewood, PA

Jeremy has been an integral part of the Men's Club for several years. He has demonstrated commitment, leadership and dedication to our community, serving as the Men's Club Treasurer for the past eight years. In addition to his service as Men's Club treasurer, Jeremy also served as treasurer for Hava NaGrilla, our Men's Club Barbecue Competition Festival, and served on the Synagogue's Board of Directors, where he was instrumental in raising money for food-related charities. As treasurer, he kept track of payments and showed how we could become more efficient in raising and spending funds. As a member of the Men's Club's executive team, he has provided valuable insight and suggestions on all Men's Club programming. We are proud to honor Jeremy as our Man of the Year!



LARRY JAKUBOWITZ

Temple Sinai, Dresher, PA

To those who know him, Larry Jakubowitz is their "Deal Guy!" He has his finger on the pulse of all things retail, knowing exactly which local stores and ecommerce sites have what you need. With a PhD from Costco, Larry possesses a vast working knowledge of everything from electronic gadgets to salty snacks to automotive services. This wisdom, coupled with his generous spirit, makes Larry our invaluable "Jak" of all trades. He is always ready to volunteer or run an errand on behalf of our Men's Club or Men in the Kitchen. As our resident audio-visual guru, Larry makes sure that our Eagles game broadcast comes in clear at our Tailgate in the Sukkah and all of our lights are in sync at the Daddy Daughter Dance. Our Man of the Year also possesses a spirit that enriches everyone's experiences in our Men's Club. His loud presence and his engaged curiosity make him incredibly easy to talk to at events. Larry's authenticity helps attract new members to our club and we are so glad to have him as our 2024 Man of the Year.



JACQUES LURIE

Congregations of Shaare Shamayim, Elkins Park, PA

Jacques Lurie is the current executive director of the Congregations of Shaare Shamayim and has been for over 20 years. He has always been a strong supporter of Men's Club and assists in arranging all club activities within the Synagogue. Jacques was instrumental in working with our Men's Club leadership to affiliate our club with the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs.

Through this association, the synagogue has greatly benefited, enabling us to participate in local, regional and national programs providing a wealth of innovative ideas and support. During this past year, he was also personally responsible for extending the life of the congregation by first presenting for approval, then brokering, two separate deals that sold the original synagogue building along with leasing space at another synagogue's facility. Jacques was honored by the congregation in two separate events and now the Men's Club is honored to name him our Man of the Year.



MITCHELL ROTHMAN

Adath Israel, Merion Station, PA

Mitchell has made many invaluable contributions to Temple Adath Israel over the years. He has conducted insightful adult education classes in his field of Middle Eastern history. He is valued as a frequent reader of Torah and Haftorah as well as gabbai (often) at our Saturday morning services.

He was a long-time catcher for the Adath Israel Men's Club softball team and is appreciated as crucial to the team's success. In addition, Mitchell assumes the pivotal role of Head Chef for the AIMC Sunday morning brunches and our most recent closing dinner, where he supervises all kitchen activity from shopping-list and menu preparation to running the kitchen. We at Adath Israel also appreciate his organizing and running of the 2024 annual Men's Club Shabbat service. He is a long-term and highly valued member of our synagogue.



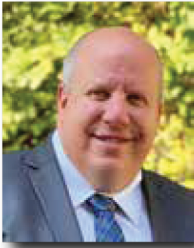
DON SABLE

Beth Sholom Congregation, Elkins Park, PA

We selected Don as our Man of the Year because of his genuine commitment to improving the lives of others and his deep commitment to the Men's Club, Beth Sholom Congregation, and Israel. Currently the club's Shoah Yellow Candle program chair, he has served for 16 years as a board director along with terms as Vice President of Membership, Programming, and

Ways & Means. Don and his wife Randye regularly attend Shabbat services, and Don's favorite prayer is the "Prayer for Israel." To Don, laughter is a universal language, and telling jokes or amusing stories creates an enjoyable atmosphere. Known for his cheerful, enthusiastic, and charming personality, he brings smiles to everyone he encounters.





IAN SILVERMAN

Temple Beth Sholom, Cherry Hill, NJ

Ian is an amazing part of the success of our Men's Club. Ian regularly goes above and beyond to make our events successful. Over the past few years, he has chaired our Pre-Passover Bourbon event and our end of the year BBQ. As our current Secretary, he is always willing to take on tedious and necessary tasks, such as completing the FJMC Quality Club Award application. Ian always follows through on his commitments and holds us all to a high bar. He strives to ensure that our events and fundraisers always have a new charity as a recipient of our stated goals of Tzedakah and Tikun Olam.



BRUCE TOBEN

Congregation Tifereth Israel, Bensalem, PA

Bruce's attitude toward Men's Club is exemplified by his never-ending service to the club. He is a critical component of our club and is involved with all aspects of our operation and success. Besides offering important ideas for planning events, he is our "go-to" person for food acquisition, as well as being our master chef. Bruce has the ability to take complex and divisive issues and break them down into smaller manageable and solvable problems. He has shown leadership qualities that are second to none! To use an old advertising phrase: "When Bruce talks, Tifereth Israel listens." In addition to being an active member of our Men's Club, Bruce is the Chairman of the Tifereth Israel Ritual Committee and serves on the Tifereth Israel Board of Directors.

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Mazel tov & Honors to this year's Recipient of the Man of the Year Tribute **Jacques Lurie**

We applaud the decision to honor this hard-working, dedicated individual who continually outperforms for our community. This comes as no surprise to us, as he has been our "Man of Many Years!" From his innovative, creative programming from Llamas to Latkes and breaking Guinness World Records, he has wowed our congregation and invited us along for the educational and entertainment ride.

Our strength as a congregation springs from our collective effort. In Jacques, we have an exceptional steward who has steered us through the best and worst of times in the most devoted and joyful manner. Together we have thrived! Mazel Tov to Jacques, his family and to the FJMC for recognizing our beloved Executive Director.



Fran & Jerry Gabriel, Marlene & Michael Goldinger, Shelli & Phil Keeny,
Linda & Steve Korsin, Gail & Gary Krimstock, Tobi & Glenn Levin,
Debbie & Norman Marks and Karen & Kenny Simansky

Mazel Tov to Arthur Lashin

Regional Man of the Year

To our beloved husband, father, and grandfather
whose life epitomizes selflessness and good deeds



As your family, we have witnessed your unwavering love, dedication, and countless hours devoted to the Men's Club of Beth Sholom Congregation, the Middle Atlantic Region, and the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs. Your contributions have made a significant difference to many and inspired pride in your colleagues.

We are incredibly proud of your remarkable leadership accomplishments, charitable work, selfless endeavors, and unwavering commitment to Jewish causes. You exemplify what it means to live and work with genuine purpose and integrity.

With All Our Love,

Eileen,

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Andrew, Jill, and Emmy Lashin



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Don Sable
as Beth Sholom's Man of the Year



Art Lashin
as FJMC's Regional Man of the Year

Mazal Tov to you both!

The Board of Directors of Beth Sholom Congregation; Elkins Park, PA
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