

**Federation of Jewish Men's Club
International Biennial Convention**



**Virtual Convention
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Leadership Innovation Community

The FJMC mission is to involve Jewish Men in Jewish Life by building and strengthening Men's Clubs in the Conservative / Masorti Movement. We accomplish this mission by:

LEADERSHIP

Mentoring leaders at the club, region and international level.

INNOVATION

Developing programming that better connects people of all ages to the Jewish community,

COMMUNITY

Forming meaningful long-lasting relationships based on camaraderie, common interests and core values.

FJMC (Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs) is the international umbrella organization for a confederation of more than 250 men's auxiliaries serving 25,000 men around the globe. Our chapters are concentrated in North America throughout the United States and Canada. The influence of FJMC's programs and contributions is felt worldwide. FJMC's mission is to involve Jewish men in Jewish life. The FJMC is an "arm" of the Conservative/ Masorti Movement but our affect goes far beyond men in the Conservative/Masorti Movement. Our programs have a profound impact on our congregations, our youth, world Jewry, and, when you consider the indirect impact of our Shomrei Ha'aretz environmental programs, all of humanity.

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Welcome to Chicago!

“Mann tracht, un G_tt Lacht”, is an old Yiddish adage meaning, “Man plans and G_d laughs.” Despite our most careful planning, stuff happens! The good news is that we adjusted from an in-person Convention in the Windy City to the 2021 Virtual Convention and we are delighted that you have joined us!

Over 50 individuals worked tirelessly planning both events. The committee members and Focal team are listed separately in this Journal. Each member worked extremely hard on making this event a reality. The time, effort and dedication given is truly humbling. The efforts of all of these individuals truly represents the essence of our great volunteer organization. There are several individuals that went above and beyond that need to be acknowledged: **Aaron Altman** (Ad journal/fundraising), **Doug Segerman** (Programming), **Mike Keats** (Tech), **Bruce Martin**, and **Lisa Pollack** (Marketing). Without these folks we would not have pulled off this event.

For some of you this may be your first exposure to a FJMC Convention. We hope that you enjoy the programming and it motivates you to get more involved with FJMC on a local, regional and International basis. If you enjoyed our Virtual Convention just imagine what an in-person one is like! We can't wait to see many of you in 2023!! That being stated: We actually don't have to wait two years to meet! We are planning a Shabbaton / Weekend Retreat in sunny Los Angeles at the campus of the American Jewish University on March 31-April 3, 2022. Much more information to come in the near future!

We worked hard to make this Virtual Convention a success, it was a true labor of love. Thank you for joining us this week and we look forward to seeing you (for real) very shortly.

Yours In Brotherhood

Danny and Rick

2021 FJMC Virtual Convention Chairs

Outgoing President's Letter



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Shalom

Welcome to the 2021 International Convention of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs and our first ever-virtual Convention. The Convention Committee has planned a very exciting eight days of program and fun. Of course, we had all hoped to hold the Convention in Chicago, but that was not possible because of the pandemic. Our Convention will be a smörgåsbord of great events that you can pick and choose during the next eight days. This will also be the largest Convention in over 50 years for the FJMC with over 600 people participating worldwide.

The FJMC, like many organizations, had a number of challenges and I am delighted to report not only did we overcome them, but we came out a stronger organization engaging more people in programs. Beginning in the middle of March 2020, the FJMC launched a series of webinars and affinity groups who met online. Over 4,000 different people participated on over 250 programs. The fruits of those events are what you will see during this Convention. Leadership training, Regional Retreats, weekly Kabbalat Shabbat programs led by the Kiddish Club (and hosted with a number of other organizations) brought numerous people to FJMC activities weekly. By becoming the Men of Zoom, we were able to produce high quality programs and events, which involved men (and women) in Jewish life.

I want to thank Danny, Rick, Doug and their dedicated committees with over 40 people involved, who planned this Convention and the Convention scheduled for Chicago. Planning one Convention is hard work, but two is monumental. Thank you for your dedication and perseverance that will make this Convention so successful.

While we will all miss standing on chairs during the Birchat, hugging each other and schmoozing as we would at an in-person Convention, I am confident that we are closely approaching the day when we will all be back together again. Until then sit back and enjoy the 2021 FJMC International Convention from the comfort of your home.

Shalom

Tom Sudow, International President

Incoming President's Letter



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Dear Convention Attendees:

Welcome to the 2021 Federation of Jewish Men's Club Biennial Convention. I'm the incoming International President of FJMC. Whether this is your first Convention or your fifteenth, I would hope that this virtual event will provide you with much excitement and stimulation. When the next Convention is held in 2023, you will experience in person the Ruach and excitement of networking with Jewish men like yourselves.

I well remember my first Convention held at the Concord Hotel in New York in 1997. As a new club President, I was eager to learn all I could about the organization and how the FJMC could help me become a better leader. But what most impressed me was the Ruach I felt from men like yourselves, and the help everyone offered me to make my men's club succeed in its mission of "Involving Jewish Men in Jewish Life"!

The FJMC has a Leadership Development Institute (sponsored by the FJMC Foundation for Jewish Life) providing intensive leadership development for emerging leaders at the regional level. During the coming two years of my administration, I'm planning on focusing on bringing leadership development training to the club leader level. To me, 'leadership development' means developing social interaction skills when working with individuals toward a shared goal – including your partner, children, siblings, parents, co-workers or club members.

What I've learned in my years with the FJMC, the more involved I got, the richer my experience became: I learned new skills, made new friends, and I've become a better Jewish man. I urge you to offer your 'skills and talents' to both the Regional and International levels, and see how much more enriching your involvement can. Send me an email at akahan@fjmc.org, to start your new adventure in FJMC.

In the coming months, I look forward to meeting many of you in person. Thank you for entrusting this wonderful organization in my hands.

In Brotherhood.

Foundation Letter



Dear FJMC Convention Registrant:

What is the FOUNDATION? – is a question many of our FJMC members ask.

Since 2003, the **FJMC Foundation for Jewish Life (FJL)** is a special, separate organization that has provided significant funding for many new and successful **FJMC** programs including the **Leadership Development Institute**. **FJL** has become instrumental in developing new programs like the “Imagine Life” a Mental Wellness initiative. Thanks to a generous grants by **Steve and Heidi Mandel** and the **NY Metro Region**, a committed group of members have been working diligently to develop a program that our men's clubs can bring to their synagogues. Others have made gifts to this program that fits the times we are in and has great growth potential.

Many of the FJMC member clubs do not realize that FJL provides grants **through our Foundation for Jewish Life's grant program** to men's clubs or regions, of **up to 3,000 dollars** to develop and implement a creative and innovative program to be eventually shared with other clubs/regions. Surprisingly, these potentially shared programs are being underutilized. It is our hope this program will begin to gain more traction this year.

I am excited about our future! Why, because many of you have not only become fellows and several of our current fellows have moved up to be higher levels of giving. You can be a part of sealing your legacy by becoming a fellow to the FJMC Foundation for Jewish Life. This has allowed us to expand our ability to make a difference in the Jewish world. I want to thank them for all their support. For more information, please contact foundation.fjmc.org or **Gary Smith** at gvet@me.com.

We are also excited that FJMC Foundation for Jewish life has made a substantial contribution to the 2021 Virtual Convention. We want to say thank you to Danny Mandeau, Rich Wronzberg, Doug Segerman and the whole team that has done a tireless job putting together this year's convention.

Finally, let us all welcome our new incoming - **Chairman Allan Gottesman**.

Gary R. Smith DVM
Chairman FJMC Foundation for Jewish Life
2017-2021

FJMC Foundation for Jewish Life wants to acknowledge

STEVE DAVIDOFF

his legacy gift to FJMC Foundation for Jewish Life.

We all celebrate his life
and appreciate his contribution

He made a significant difference
May his legacy be for a Blessing.

WE ARE THE MEN OF ZOOM!

I want to take a moment to thank and say YASHER KOACH to the hundreds of men who took on the charge to engage Jewish Men (and women) in Jewish Life over the past two years. Though unbelievable odds you organized creative programming and brought that program online, over 300 webinars, affinity groups, retreats, Kabbalat Shabbat, meetings, leadership training, and creative programming. You created a huge impact that was felt at a time of great need and isolation. You answered the call with creativity and ingenuity and technical proficiency (that many of us did know we had). You changed lives and you changed the FJMC and I thank each of you, far too numerous to list in ad,- The Executive Committee, Committee Chairman, Regional Presidents and Leaders, Club Presidents and Club Leaders and many other who stepped up. Todah Rabah You made a true Difference.

To the Massim Tovim Awardees you are exemplars of what it means to be doers of good deeds. I am touched by each of you with your acts of leadership and volunteerism and to your families who assist you and support you. Yasher Koach on your recognition.

To The Convention Committee led by Danny, Rick, Mitch, Aaron and Doug and 50 others, you planned two outstanding Conventions. One for Chicago, that very unfortunately had to be canceled and this spectacular Virtual Convention, which is our largest Convention in more than 40 years. You are very special and we all thank you for your extraordinary efforts.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as President of an organization that has truly so many doers and doers of good deeds. They truly lead the FJMC to do great work.

To my good friend Allan Kahan it has been an honor to work side by side with you during the past two years and I know the best days for the FJMC are ahead of us with you at the helm.

With deepest gratitude
Tom Sudow

History

FJMC: A LEGACY OF INNOVATION AND GROWTH

The history of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs can be measured by how well its leadership has adhered to its mandate: building a network of Men's Clubs to strengthen the Jewish home, synagogues, and the Conservative Movement. In the mid-1920s Rabbi Samuel M. Cohen, then Director of the United Synagogue of America, conceived of bringing together leaders from existing Conservative Movement Men's Clubs into a "National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs of the United Synagogue of America." He envisioned that this group would foster an interchange of ideas to help them focus on their common needs.

NFJMC members served on United Synagogue committees and held positions of leadership. They also developed several programs such as the Pocket Calendar/Diary and the Tract Series. These were entrusted to United Synagogue because it was better positioned to distribute and maintain them.

At first, the NFJMC was housed in the Jewish Theological Seminary and was supported financially by United Synagogue through the Joint Campaign. Beginning in the 1940s, that financial support was gradually reduced. In 1967 the NFJMC relinquished any support and became an independent 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization.

The early NFJMC leadership came from the New York and Philadelphia areas. In 1952 it elected Albert

Jacobson from Chicago president, its first leader from beyond the East coast. This made the NFJMC become unique among Conservative Movement organizations by not viewing New York as the center of the Jewish community in North America. Today, the FJMC remains the only Conservative Movement organization to have elected presidents from Canada, and was the first to elect presidents from the Midwest and the West coast. With the growing strength of Canadian Men's Clubs, the adjective "National" was dropped from the organization's name in 1983. Today, the international Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs is known simply by its acronym, FJMC.

CONVENTIONS

Conventions have played an important role since the first one in 1931. Held annually at first, the conventions became biennial in 1979. They have proven to be an important opportunity for Men's Club officers, members, and the international leadership to meet, share experiences, and learn from each other. In 1983, FJMC expanded its convention programming to provide training for club and regional officers, with lay leaders as instructors. Two years later, FJMC established the Ma'asim Tovim Award to be presented at each convention to men who have made outstanding contributions to their regions and communities.

Torch Awards are presented to clubs to recognize outstanding programming. New FJMC programs and initiatives are unveiled and showcased at biennial conventions, such as the first Art of Jewish Living program in 1985, Hearing Men's Voices in 1999, and Keruv in 2003. The 1974 FJMC convention in Los Angeles was the first in the Conservative Movement to be held on the West coast. In 1977, FJMC convened in Montreal where, for the first time, a major arm of the Conservative Movement elevated a Canadian to its presidency.

The more recent conventions were held in Weston, Florida (2005), Chicago (2007), Philadelphia (2009), Orange County, Southern California (2011), Boston (2013), Miami (2015), Washington, DC (2017), Toronto in 2019 and now Virtually in 2021.

BREAKING NEW GROUNDS

In 1961, FJMC sponsored the first organized trip to Israel by a Conservative Jewish organization. FJMC's Rosh Hashanah Greeting Card Program, introduced in 1970, was the first of its kind among Jewish organizations and since has been adopted by B'nai B'rith, Jewish War Veterans, and others.

The Century Club (later FJMC 100) adopted this

1929

National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs (NFJMC) Started

1931

1st NFJMC Convention New York, NY

1935

NFJMC Convention

1939

NFJMC Convention

1943

NFJMC Convention

1947

NFJMC Convention

1951

NFJMC Convention

1953

NFJMC Convention

1955

NFJMC Convention

1957

NFJMC Convention

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program and merged since 2004 into the Foundation for Jewish Life. The Foundation created a stronger vehicle to provide effective funding to serve our constituency, established in 1978 to provide seed money for new projects through individual \$100 annual contributions. These programs included the Hebrew Literacy campaign, the Art of Jewish Living series, the Shabbat Morning Torah service videotape, and the "Prayers and Invocations" booklet.

HEBREW LITERACY

In 1975, FJMC introduced the first of several educational programs that have moved the organization to the forefront of the Conservative Movement. Rabbi Noah Golinkin created for FJMC a lay person-to-lay person method of teaching synagogue Hebrew. He designed this unique approach to provide members of congregations with lay role models and a sense of comfort within the synagogue.

The Hebrew Literacy Program uses two universally known prayers to teach Hebrew literacy, and consists of two volumes *Shalom Aleichem* (1975) was based on the Friday evening service, and *Ayn Kelohenu* (1981) focused on the Shabbat morning service. Since this program's inception, more than 180,000 people have gained the ability to follow and participate in synagogue services.

RAMAH PROJECTS

In 1981, the Middle Atlantic Region built an indoor recreation center for Camp Ramah in the Poconos with funds raised through an annual concert series. This effort marked the first time an FJMC region took an active role in supporting other Conservative Movement programs, greatly enhancing the image of the Men's Club movement in the region.

Two years later, the Western Region adopted the Tikvah program to provide a Jewish camping experience for children with special needs at Camp Ramah in California. In 1989, the Great Lakes Region committed to building a guest facility for Camp Ramah in Canada and dedicated it in 1995. That same year, the New England Region adopted Camp Ramah in New England's Tikvah program, while the Southeast and Florida Regions began the drive to create Ramah Darom, which opened in northwestern Georgia in Summer 1997. In 1999, New York Metro Region laid the groundwork for an innovative program for challenged children at Ramah Berkshires.

ART OF JEWISH LIVING

FJMC enlisted Ron Wolfson in 1985 to develop materials to create a total living and learning environment around key Jewish holidays. Tens of thousands of our synagogue members and Russian immigrants have developed a sense of competence with ritual matters and a sense of

ease in the synagogue through the Art of Jewish Living series. The first book, on the Shabbat Seder, was followed in 1987 by the Passover Seder book (later translated into Russian). Next followed the Hanukkah volume and then a final publication, *A Time to Mourn, A Time to Comfort*.

YOM HASHOAH YELLOW CANDLE PROGRAM

The Beth Tzedec Men's Club of Toronto originally developed the Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle Program in 1983 to provide both Jews and non-Jews with a meaningful ritual that would enable them to observe Yom HaShoah in their homes. FJMC adapted and expanded it to become one of our most successful and far-reaching FJMC activities.

By 1991, its third year as an FJMC international program, more than 100,000 families lit Yellow Candles in their homes to commemorate the Holocaust and keep alive the memories of the six million who perished. The program has expanded beyond FJMC-member households to Women's League chapters; Hillel/B'nai Brith campus organizations; Reform, Reconstructionist, and Orthodox congregations; Jewish Community Centers, Holocaust Memorial Centers; church groups, and others.

In 1998, FJMC created the *From Darkness into Light*

1957

Convention

1963

NFJMC
Convention

1970

NFJMC's
Rosh Hashanah
Greeting Card
Program

1974

NFJMC

1977

NFJMC

1978

Art of Jewish
Living Series

1979

1983

1987

Passover
Sedar Book

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scholarship program where by United Synagogue Youth members at congregations participating in candle distribution can receive scholarships for USY Eastern European Pilgrimage programs.

As the need for Holocaust remembrance grows, the FJMC continues to expand its programmatic efforts. Current efforts include the opportunity to our synagogues to provide Yom HaShoah Yellow Candles to Masorti Congregation throughout the world.

THE WORLD WIDE WRAP

The World Wide Wrap has become one of the FJMC's signature programs, as clubs around the world join to celebrate the mitzvah of tefillin. And we've brought participation into the 21st century with online registration and reporting of club's "wrap." Held on Super Bowl Sundays, in 2011, over 5,000 men "wrapped" tefillin. Now it's up to 25,000 men. Further, to help introduce the mitzvah to younger Jews, a companion program, Build-a-Pair allows fathers and their fifth through seventh grade children to create model "tefillin" and decorate them as they learn about the mitzvah.

SEFER HAFTORAH SCROLL

FJMC's desire to make men more ritually sensitive, foster Jewish learning, and enhance awareness of the importance of local Men's Clubs led to creation of the FJMC's Sefer Haftorah scroll in 2003. The scroll, consisting of all the Haftorot and written on parchment

with vowels and cantillation, is circulated among Men's Clubs and at FJMC events. In addition, synagogues can purchase their own Sefer Haftarot scrolls.

INTERMARRIAGE CONCERNS: KERUV

In 2003, FJMC undertook to study the impact intermarriage and changing families have on the Conservative Jewish population in North America. Since then, two volumes and a host of seminars have been developed as FJMC continues to innovate and lead the Conservative Movement. FJMC's Keruv initiative actually began in 1999 with the goal of placing intermarriage on the agenda of the Conservative Movement. To date, more than 150 rabbis and 90 lay leaders have taken part in FJMC Keruv training programs. Currently, 54 congregations in North America have Keruv programs supervised by FJMC trained lay leaders and professionals. FJMC, a volunteer-led organization with minimal staff and

maximum effectiveness, continues in the 21st century to be an innovative thinking and planning organization that understands the importance of the Conservative/Masorti movement and the strength of commitment of members of Conservative synagogues. FJMC successfully involves Jewish men in Jewish life and is a significant component of the future of Conservative/Masorti Judaism.

ABAYUDAYA REGION (UGANDA, AFRICA)

The FJMC's newest region, the Abayudaya, has seven clubs in Uganda near the town of Mbale, a native Jewish community known as the "Abayudaya" or people of Judah. FJMC has been working with them for nearly five years, and they became an official region in 2018.

HEARING MEN'S VOICES

Hearing Men's Voices (HMV) is a unique program that engages Jewish men in Jewish life, enabling deeper connections and better relationships among men. The FJMC understood that men do not open up to each other or turn to each other for support. The FJMC and its HMV committee have prepared wonderful, turn-key materials to help clubs implement, facilitate, and manage Hearing Men's Voices' group. Imagine Life

The FJMC came to realize that over 40% of the Jewish community were facing issues of mental or supporting someone who is struggling. The purpose of Imagine Life – A Mental Health Initiative Before It is Too Late, is to create awareness, prevention, and education for combating drug addiction, suicide, anxiety and depression, and to provide a model of support for families. The FJMC has partnered with the Blue Dove Foundation (Atlanta) to members of the community and to help develop a supportive structure.

1989

Shabbat Morning Torah Service Video

1991

100,000 families lit Yellow Candles in their homes to commemorate the Holocaust

1993

FJMC Convention Split Rock Lodge, PA

1995

FJMC Convention Pines, NY

1997

FJMC Convention Concord, NY

1998

FJMC created the From Darkness into Light Scholarship Program

1999

FJMC Convention Fallsview, NY Hearing Men's Voices Program Ties That Bind Video

2001

FJMC Convention Toronto, ON World Wide Wrap Keruv Program

2003

FJMC Convention Sefer Haftorah Scroll Foundation for Jewish Life

2005

FJMC Convention Ft. Lauderdale, FL

History

The FJMC is encouraging -

- Education for the clergy to become a resource for congregational families.
- The synagogue venues become available for support groups.
- The Men's Clubs take the lead to initiate programs within their synagogues to honestly discuss mental health issues.
- Explore resources and partner with community agencies, such as the Jewish Family Services, NAMI and other who can provide the vital professional support that is needed.

ENGAGEMENT – AFFINITY GROUPS

Beginning in 2020, the FJMC realized that Men's Club and involving Men (and women) in Jewish life could not stop at the parking lot of the Synagogue. A number of efforts were begun to reach people where they are and around topics they are interested – in essence to build affinity.

The FJMC launched a number of online affinity groups around topics they have a passion for:

- Cooking
- Genealogy
- Investing
- Photography
- Sports
- Yiddish

Over 2,000 people have participated – men and women – and many are not affiliated with Men's Club or a Synagogue. We are engaging them where they are. The FJMC also launched a series of Webinar around a variety of topics and also promote webinar and educational programs being held by Clubs, Regions, and partner organization. Together the Affinity Groups and Webinars have brought in over 1,000 people who previously were not affiliated with the FJMC and over 2,000 different FJMC members have participated. Opening Up

The FJMC realized that it can provide great value to the Jewish community and is planning on opening up its membership to any Jewish men's club and also will start to offer an individual Membership for people who do not belong to a men's club. The FJMC will still be strongly rooted in the practice of the Conservative /Masorti Judaism but will be open to anyone who wants to participate in the programs and activities of Involving Jewish Men in Jewish Life.

FJMC FIRSTS

In the Conservative Movement in North America, here are some of FJMC's firsts:

- Organization leader from beyond the East coast
- Presidents from the Midwest, West coast, and Canada
- Conventions on the West coast and in Canada
- Sponsored trip to Israel
- Rosh Hashanah Greeting Card Program
- Active support of other Conservative Movement programs
- Online affinity groups

2007

FJMC Convention Chicago, IL

2009

FJMC Convention Philadelphia, PA

2011

FJMC Convention Costa Mesa, CA

2013

FJMC Convention Danvers, MA

2015

FJMC Convention Miami, FL

2017

FJMC Convention Washington, DC

2018

Abayudaya Region joins FJMC Uganda, Africa

2019

FJMC Convention Toronto, ON 90th Anniversary of FJMC Imagine Life Initiative

2021

FJMC Convention Virtual due to Covid 19

Abayudaya Jews of Uganda: Progress through Challenges

The Abayudaya is the Jewish community of Uganda, around the small city of Mbale and stretching into Kenya. This community was founded 102 years ago by military commander Semei Kakungulu. Today, the Abayudaya community number two-three thousand spread over nine villages.

The primary spiritual leader of the Abayudaya is Rabbi Gershom Sizomu, ordained in 2008 by the Ziegler School in LA. He is the first native-born black rabbi in sub-Saharan Africa and the first chief rabbi of Uganda. Though most Abayudaya practice Masorti Judaism, there is also an Orthodox village. The community operates several schools, the largest of which are the Hadassah Primary School and the neighboring Semei Kakungulu High School. The community has its own USY chapter, as well as an FJMC-affiliated Men's Club founded by our brother Aaron Kintu Moses z"l, and now headed by Allan Zilaba.

The Abayudaya have seen severe challenges over the past century. After the British left, they were persecuted by Idi Amin, and under his rule the community shrank to a few hundred members who were forced to study and pray secretly in nearby caves.

Prior to the COVID-19 lockdown, the Abayudaya were growing in numbers and involvement with the global Masorti movement. In 2018, many young Abayudaya participated in the first Abayudaya Birthright trip to Israel. Several organizations within Israel are lobbying for the Israeli government to recognize the legitimacy of the Abayudaya's Judaism, but the Israeli government still does not recognize the African Masorti community of Uganda. During the lockdown, assistance from Israel would be greatly appreciated. Most Abayudaya, though educated and observant, live a subsistence lifestyle, growing the food they eat. With little cash, the community is especially vulnerable to economic shutdowns. The disease and shutdown hit Uganda and the rural Abayudaya community very hard. Their food and medical insecurities were realized when they had to close their schools, and children were without formal education for over a year. The adults have been mostly unable to work. Masorti organizations rallied to support the community, but the needs of the Abayudaya over the past 15 months have been much more than the global Masorti community could meet.

For those inspired to participate in supporting the Abayudaya during these difficult times, we recommend three paths:

1. Get involved in our efforts by participating in our leadership. Please contact Seaboard President Eric Beser or FJMC Abayudaya Liaison David Freiman to join our organizing efforts. Emails with your interest in participating can be sent to abayudaya@fjmc.org.
2. Donate funds for food for the community and scholarships for the Hadassah Primary School. We are collecting these funds through the Seaboard website at ABAYUDAYA.SEABOARDFJMC.US. \$250 will educate and feed an Abayudaya child for a school year, and \$50 can feed a family for a month. Dollars go far so please be generous.
3. For those with the means to get involved at a higher level, the Abayudaya Men's Club leadership is looking for funders willing to help seed businesses like the new poultry enterprise. Plans are being drawn up for several enterprises, including a hair salon, a coffee exportation business and a bee keeping collective. Those of you with the means to contribute larger sums should reach out to abayudaya@fjmc.org to begin discussions on how your investment in the Abayudaya can help generations of Ugandan Jews to find their place in the world.

The Abayudaya have no intention of requiring our tzedakah forever. 2021 marks a new beginning for the Abayudaya. Together, we can help the Abayudaya build a sustainable, prosperous future for our Jewish brothers in east Africa. Watch the Convention program on Wednesday, June 9 at 8pm for much more info about the community.

Pictures:

David Freiman (Seaboard Region – Shaare Torah) with Abayudaya Men's Club President Allan Zilaba at the 2019 Abayudaya Centennial celebration.



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1965-67	Mannye London z"l
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2007-09	Norm Kurtz
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2011-13	Michael Mills
2013-15	Myles Simpson
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2017-19	Stan Greenspan

z"l - Zichrono Livracha -
Of Blessed Memory

“If your actions inspire others
to dream more, learn more,
do more and become more,
you are a leader.”

– John Quincy Adams

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Keynote Speakers



Tal Brody

**Israel Ambassador of Goodwill
Mr. Basketball - Tal Brody
June 6, 2021, 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

Tal Brody made Aliya to Israel in 1965, after the 7th Maccabiah Games, and became one of the most honored new immigrants in Israel's history. At age 34 he received The Israel Prize, the highest civilian honor. He was drafted #12 in the NBA draft, but chose instead to move to Israel and lead Maccabi Tel-Aviv to Israel's first European Basketball Championship in 1977. Immediately after the '77 championship victory, Brody coined the term "We are on the map," giving words to what so many Israelis longed for and desired. He was selected to light the torch on Independence Day, and

ran with the torch opening up the 9th Maccabiah Games. Brody was chosen as one of the top ten immigrants that influenced Israel by the NY Times. He was selected for the Jewish Sports Hall of Fame, and was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by the State of Israel.

Today, Tal lives in Israel and serves as Israel's Ambassador of Goodwill.

Tal Brody is available for lecture, as well as for screenings of On the Map.

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Keynote Speakers



Rabbi Sharon Brous

**Senior & Founding Rabbi
IKAR**

Los Angeles, CA

June 6, 2021, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Rabbi Sharon Brous is a leading voice in reanimating religious life in America, working to develop a spiritual roadmap for a soulful, justice-driven, multi-faith ethos in Los Angeles and around the country.

Brous is the senior and founding rabbi of IKAR, a Jewish community that launched in 2004 to reinvigorate Jewish practice and inspire people of faith to reclaim a moral and prophetic voice. IKAR quickly became one of the most influential Jewish congregations in the country, and is credited with sparking a rethinking of religious life in a time of unprecedented disaffection and declining affiliation.

Brous's 2016 TED talk, "Reclaiming Religion," has been viewed by more than 1.4 million people and translated into 23 languages. In 2013, she blessed President Obama and Vice President Biden at the Inaugural National Prayer Service, and returned in 2021 to bless President Biden and Vice President Harris, and then to lead the White House Passover Seder that spring. She spoke at the Women's March in Washington, DC in 2017 and at the opening of the National Memorial for Peace and Justice the following year. Brous was named #1 on the Newsweek/The Daily Beast list of the most influential Rabbis in America, and has been recognized by The Forward and the Jerusalem Post as one of the fifty most influential Jews. She was featured on the cover of TIME magazine in 2018 based on Norman Rockwell's Four Freedoms.

Brous is in the inaugural cohort of Auburn Seminary's Senior Fellows program, which unites top faith leaders working on the frontlines for justice. She also sits on the faculty of the Shalom Hartman Institute-North America and REBOOT, and serves on the International Council of the New Israel Fund and the national steering committee for the Poor People's Campaign.

She is a graduate of Columbia University, was ordained by the Jewish Theological Seminary, and lives in Los Angeles with her husband and three children.

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Keynote Speakers



Micah Goodman

**Catch-67: The Ideas Behind
the Arguments that
Tear Israel Apart**

June 13, 2021, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Dr. Micah Goodman is a Research Fellow of the Kogod Research Center at Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem. He is a leading voice on Judaism, Zionism, the Bible, and the challenges and opportunities facing Israel and contemporary world Jewry.

Dr. Goodman is the author of several Israeli bestsellers on canonical Jewish texts: "Moses's Final Speech", "The Dream of the Kuzari", and "The Secrets of the Guide for the Perplexed", all published in Hebrew by Kinneret Zmora-Bitan Dvir. His 2017 book, "Catch '67", also rose to the best-seller lists and prompted many discussions about the ramifications of the Six Day War at its 50th anniversary.

"Maimonides and the Book that Changed Judaism", was published by JPS and the University of Nebraska Press in 2015.

Dr. Goodman was one of two recipients of the Marc and Henia Liebhaber Prize for Religious Tolerance in 2014, along with leading Israeli musician Ehud Banai.

Dr. Goodman directs Beit Midrash Yisraeli – Ein Prat, Israel's leading pluralistic Beit Midrash for young adults. With several thousand alumni and some 300 new students each year, Ein Prat strengthens the pluralistic Jewish character of Israel, nurtures connections between Israelis of different backgrounds, and builds a bridge between Israeli young adults and their Diaspora peers.

Dr. Goodman lectures regularly overseas and at Israel's leading universities, think tanks, and cultural venues to audiences that include Israel's political and national leaders. Among other venues, Dr. Goodman has lectured and taught at the Knesset, the official residence of Israel's Prime Minister, and the official residence of Israel's President.

Dr. Goodman has a doctorate in Jewish Thought from The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and teaches at his alma mater. He is a member of the recently formed Global Forum of the National Library of Israel.

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Presidential Award - Norman Kurtz



Norm Kurtz, of Buffalo Grove, IL, is married to his lovely wife Joan for forty-seven years and is blessed with three married children and seven beautiful grandchildren.

Norm recently retired from his well-respected law practice of over forty-five years. He served as a member of the local school board of education and continues to represent the Jewish community on the local interfaith council.

Norm belongs to Congregation Beth Judea since 1976, where he was a teacher in the religious school for many years and is a regular prayer service leader. After serving as an officer and director of CBJ for many years, in 1987 Norm took the

lead in recreating his synagogue's Men's Club. After serving as its president, Norm then became involved with his mentor and friend, Jerry Agrest, in revitalizing the FJMC's Midwest Region. The Region is now among the strongest in the FJMC, due in large part to Norm's efforts and resolve.

Norm served as FJMC's International President from 2007 - 2009. He earned this position by his active involvement and quality leadership on various committees and projects of the FJMC. Three initiatives are worthy of individual note.

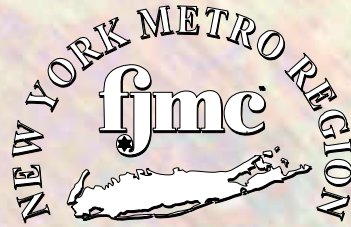
When relatively new to the FJMC Norm became involved in observance and ritual training for the FJMC's leadership. Known for his creative presentations on the meaning of using tefillin in prayer, Norm's vision eventually led to the production of the FJMC's tefillin film "The Ties That Bind" and the adoption of the now famous Worldwide Wrap. Norm now promotes and teaches an innovative Alternative Interpretive Minyan for Shabbat morning services, and co-authored with his FJMC colleague Bob Braitman the book "Building Shabbat Community".

Norm, with Burt Fischman of blessed memory, created the FJMC's Leadership Development Institute. The LDI annual conference, now enjoying its 20th year of success, brings together scores of men each year from across North America for FJMC leadership education and training.

With its successful keruv/outreach programs the FJMC has earned its place among the leading organizations of the Conservative/Masorti Movement. Norm was actively involved in that initiative of inclusion from its conception.

The FJMC, the Masorti/Conservative Movement and the greater Jewish community have benefited and will continue to benefit greatly from Norm's limitless passion, dedication and leadership.

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THE OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD OF NEW YORK METROPOLITAN REGION

WISHES טוב מזל TO

NORM KURTZ

ON BEING THIS YEAR'S RECIPIENT OF THE

FJMC PRESIDENT'S AWARD



***YOU HAVE MADE OUR ORGANIZATION PROUD!
YOUR RELENTLESS DEDICATION TO FJMC IS WELCOMED AND TO BE COMMENDED!***

Your Legacy Lives On!!

**בחך ישר
YASHER KOACH!**

***Jay Steinmetz
President 2019-2021***

***Aaron Altman
Exec. Vice President 2019-2021***

Midwest Region FJMC

Honors 2 of our own



President's Award - Norm Kurtz
Ma'asim Tovim - Norwin Merens

From the 1000+ members of the region.

YASHER KOACH

NORM KURTZ

on receiving the
2021 FJMC PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Way to be  Jersey Strong!

You made  *Melz'l*  *kvell*

From your friends in the
Northern NJ Region

Men's Clubs of the Midwest Region FJMC

מזל טוב

President's Award - Norm Kurtz

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Congregation Beth Shalom

Congregation Kol Rinah

Congregation Rodfei Zedek

Beth Hillel Bnai Emunah

Congregation Beth Judea

Congregation B'nai Amoona

North Suburban Synagogue Beth El

West Suburban Temple Har Zion



Norm Kurtz

President's Awardee

Norm/Dad/Pop,

We know first-hand what it's like to be the recipients of your dedication and passion. FJMC is so lucky to have you and we are too. Congratulations from your biggest fans!

All our love,

Joan, Beth, Chris, Ben, Royce, Sam, Leora, Cecilia, Elliott, Moira, Vera, Corinne, Josie, and Gavin

Yasher Koach and Mazel Tov to

Norm Kurtz
on receiving the President's Award,
FJMC's Highest Honor

Thank you for your leadership, mentorship and your friendship.

Gail Gerber and Eric Yegelwel



CONGRATULATIONS

TO MY DEAR WONDERFUL FRIEND

Norm

ON RECEIVING THE

2021 FJMC PRESIDENT'S AWARD

*"Many people will walk in and out of your life,
But only true friends will leave footprints In your heart"*

Eleanor Roosevelt

Norm -

It seems like only yesterday that Bob Braitman, you and I sat around the Executive Committee table as “the young guys.” Your leadership and commitment to the Jewish community and the FJMC has been truly inspirational. From being a strong advocate for the Hebrew Literacy Program to your work with Captain Ruach on LDI and other leadership programs to your teaching at many Learners Miyanim - you have been at the forefront of involving and educating men and women in Jewish life. You have been an inspiration to all of us that you have touched and watched and admired you. I can think of no better leader to receive the President Award

You are the leaders - leader

May you continue to go from Strength to Strength

Tom Sudow, International President

The Past Presidents of the Midwest Region FJMC

מזל טוב

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Gerry Brin
Mike Greenberg
Mark Givarz
Stu Gold

Steve Lessman
Maimon Lusky
Shelley Pike
Evan Rumack
Sandy Victor

Norm Kurtz

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*on receiving the
FJMC*

President's Award



*You are the living embodiment of what Men's
Club is all about. You have been a leader,
mentor, and inspiration to our club from its early
days to today.*

*We can't thank you enough for all you do, not
only for Beth Judea, but for the FJMC and the
Midwest Region as well.*

Do you want to go for lunch?

Your Beth Judea Brothers



Norm Kurtz

**Kol HaKavod
and
Mazel Tov**

**on receiving
FJMC's highest honor,
The President's Award.**

YASHER KOACH

HARVEY HERSHKOWITZ

NNJR 2021 Ma'asim Tovim Honoree

And

NORM KURTZ

2021 President's Award Recipient

You make us Jersey proud

From your friends in the
Northern NJ Region

Mazel Tov and Yashir Koach to our dear friends:

Aren Horowitz

Western Region Ma'Asim Tovim Awardee

Norm Kurtz

FJMC Presidential Awardee

Bruce Tomar

Mid-Atlantic Region Ma'Asim Tovim Awardee

Allan Kahan

Incoming FJMC International President

Tom Sudow

Outgoing FJMC International President

רבי יוסי אומר, כל המכבד את התורה, גופו מקבד על הבריות.

Rabbi Yose said: whoever honors the Torah is himself honored by others. — Pirkei Avot, 4:6

הוא היה אומר, לא עליך המלאכה לגמר, ולא אתה בן חורין לבטל ממנה.

He [Rabbi Tarfon] used to say: It is not your duty to finish the work, but neither are you at liberty to neglect it. — Pirkei Avot, 2:16

*From your friends in the Western Region,
Steve Silverstone, Benny Sommerfeld, Gary S. Katz, Jon Medwin,
Warren Sterling, and Mitch Elovitz*

The Executive Board of the Midwest Region FJMC

מזל טוב

President's Award - Norm Kurtz

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Involving Jewish Men in Jewish Life

MIDWEST REGION EXTENDS A MAZEL TOV

TO OUR OWN

NORM KURTZ

2021 PRESIDENTS AWARD WINNER

Congratulation to Norm our MENTOR, LEADER AND MOST OF ALL OUR VERY GOOD FRIEND

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Well, It's About Time!

Mazel Tov to

Norm Kurtz

on receiving the Presidential Award

from Mark & Leslie Berlin

President Section - Double Chai

NORM KURTZ

*It is our great pleasure to honor our dear friend, Norm Kurtz,
for his continued support of Jewish causes over many years.*

*We are so happy that his hard work and dedication is being
recognized and honored at this time. We are grateful for your friendship,
Norm, and we hope to celebrate you in person some time soon.*

Much Love, Lori and Larry Fohrman



Mazel Tov
Norm Kurtz
FJMC
President's Award

Well deserved!

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NORM KURTZ

- a colleague
 - a mentor
 - and a dear friend

Yasher Koach on Being Honored with

THE FJMC PRESIDENT'S AWARD

MAZAL TOV!!

Bob Braitman



**Congratulations, Norm!
You have truly earned this honor.
We have learned so much from you.**

Thank you.

Burt and Nancy Litwin

President Section - Combo

מזל טוב

NORM KURTZ



On receiving the

President's Award

Yasher Koach

for all your efforts and innovations supporting
the FJMC, Midwest Region, and Beth Judea.

Sandy & Marilyn Victor



THE KIO REGION CONGRATULATES

NORM KURTZ

ON HIS WELL-DESERVED PRESIDENT'S AWARD
YOU HAVE HAD A TREMENDOUS IMPACT ON THE FJMC
AND ALL THAT HAVE KNOWN YOU.

MAZAL TOV!!!!!!



President Section - Double Chai

CONGRATULATIONS

**to two of the finest and most accomplished men
of the Midwest Region**

Norm Kurtz

receiving the FJMC Presidents Award and

Norwin Merens

the Midwest Regions Ma'asim Tovim Honoree

Gerry and Mimi Brin

MAZEL TOV

**Norwin Merens - Midwest Man of the Year
A well deserved honor to a dedicated person.**

Allan Kahan – Incoming International President

All In coming International Officers and Board of Directors

Congratulations and best wishes for a viable, successful term.

JERRY AGREST

President Section - Double Chai

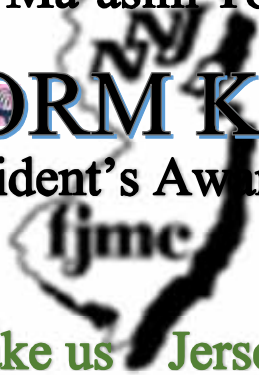
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NNJR 2021 Ma'asim Tovim Honoree

and **NORM KURTZ**

2021 President's Award Recipient



You make us Jersey proud
Rob & Jerri Blitzer

**Yasher Koach and Kol Hakavod
to our dear friend and mentor,**

Norm Kurtz.

**You've been a great role model,
inspiring us to achieve new heights
as we continue to build on your
success at FJMC.**

You're the best!

Jon Norton and Gregg Pollack

To Norm Kurtz

**Thank you for starting us
and many others on
the path to holiness**

Susan and Fred Rabinowitz

President Section - Chai

**Congratulations
To my Brother
Norm Kurtz
For the honor of receiving
FJMC's President's Award
Your contributions to your club, region,
and FJMC are legendary
We love you.
Joel and Debbie**

Norm Kurtz

Mazel Tov for the multitude of achievements that precipitated your receiving this award.

You are a true ambassador of our faith, and a "Champion for Humanity" as your steadfast passion to bring the teachings of our Torah into practice in this modern world. Your efforts have touched the lives of several generations and peoples of every stripe to break the barriers that divide us, and embrace the common bonds we all share. The ever-burning flame of knowledge and love you carry with you will continue to ignite the beauty and goodness within others, and will inspire them to embrace the most noble of endeavors: Tikkun Olam! Your enthusiasm for prayers and davening has a cascading effect on others by encouraging those associated with you to strive to follow your lead. You have lived your life moving "From Strength to Strength", and this award brings great honor to you, your family, and your Men's Club brethren as well.

P.S. from J.S.: Speaking straight from my heart, listening to you daven has made me want to learn how to chant more prayers and take on a larger part in our alternative services and minyanim, and thereby enable you to better focus on other areas of study.

Most lovingly,
Heidi and Jerry Sakol and Jean and Ron Friedman

**Congratulations
To my Brother
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For the honor of receiving
FJMC's President's Award
Your contributions to
your club, region, and
FJMC are legendary
We love you.
Joel and Debbie**

**Congratulations to
Harvey Hershkowitz,
our very special NNJR
Ma'asim Tovim Award honoree,
as well as our Jersey Boy
Norm Kurtz
on the occasion of his receiving the
FJMC President's Award.
Proud to call you both brother and friend.**

President Section - Chai

MAZEL TOV

Norm Kurtz

Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs

Presidents' Award Honoree

May You Go from Strength to Strength

Marylyn and Howard Minkoff

מזל טוב

NORM KURTZ

*President's Award
Recipient*



NORWIN MERENS

*Midwest Region
Ma'asim Tovim Honoree*

May you go from strength to strength!

Merle & Evan Rumack



TO OUR DEAR FRIEND NORM KURTZ

FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE OVER THE
YEARS TO STRENGTHEN THE FJMC AND
HELP MAKE IT THE AMAZING
ORGANIZATION THAT IT IS...

מזל טוב וישר כח

ON YOUR WELL-DESERVED HONOR AS ONE
OF THE FEW RECIPIENTS OF THE

FJMC PRESIDENTIAL AWARD

MAY YOU CONTINUE TO GO FROM
STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

YOURS IN BROTHERHOOD,

ELLIOTT BROWN

**Congratulations to our Dad, G-Pop
& Husband! We're so excited & thrilled
for you on being installed as the
FJMC's International First Vice President.**

**You're a born leader & know
you will do a tremendous job,
along with Allan Kahan &
the rest of the Board.**

**Your achievements & dedication
have shown that this position is
well deserved! Mazel Tov!**

**Love Susan, Heather & Chris, Traci,
Dustin & Isabella.**



*The Seaboard Region wishes a hearty Mazel Tov to
our brother Allan Kahan*



*on becoming
International President of the FJMC
2021-2023*



OHR KODESH CONGREGATION

in Chevy Chase, Maryland
is proud to be the home congregation
for incoming FJMC President

Allan Kahan

Allan has been a wonderful leader in our community for many years and we are so pleased to see his numerous exceptional talents applied to the national Federation of Jewish Men's Club organization. FJMC has and will surely continue to benefit from Allan's dedication and commitment to the Jewish people. We look forward to the day when we can shake hands safely again!

בהצלחה!

Rabbi Lyle Fishman
Cantor Hinda Eisen Labovitz
Jerome Kiewe, Executive Director
Seth Yoskowitz, President
Rise Ain, 1st Vice President

On behalf of the entire membership of Ohr Kodesh Congregation!



CONGRATULATIONS

TO OUR LEADERS:

TOM SUDOW & ALLAN KAHAN

Outgoing and incoming FJMC International Presidents

GARY KATZ & JON MEDWIN

Outgoing and Incoming Western Region Presidents

AREN HOROWITZ

Western Region 2021 Ma'asim Tovim award winner

and

BENNY SOMMERFELD

Incoming International Training Vice President

WHO STAND AS ONE IN THEIR COMMITMENT TO FJMC.

With love, admiration, and deep respect.

*The Torah is a Tree of Life
Happy are they, who understand its teachings
And fulfill G-d's commandments.*



**Hudson Valley Region of the FJMC wishes Yasher Koach
to the incoming International Executive Board.**

Under the upcoming leadership of our new President

Allan Kahan

We know that he will continue to have an impact in strengthening
Jewish men in Jewish life.

L'Dor V'Dor

Javier Rosenzwaig, Outgoing HVR President + Executive Board

Stephe Sturman, Incoming HVR President + Executive Board



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Mazel Tov, Allan!

We are all very proud of your accomplishments
and know that you will be an
excellent President for FJMC.

We know they will thrive under your leadership.

We love you!

Ellie and Steve, Sherri, Adam and Michelle,
Erika and Jason, Jamie and Matt, Staci
and Misha, and Brad

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Yasher Koach

Allan Kahan

On Assuming the Presidency of the FJMC

2021-2023

Past Presidents of Seaboard





IT'S OFFICIAL

MAZEL TOV ON YOUR NEW JOB!

WE'RE SO PROUD OF YOU BECOMING
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT, DAD!

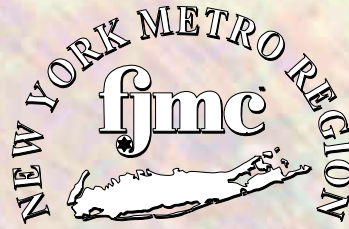
Love Helene, Ariel, Shira, Jared & Sadie





The Men's Club of
Congregation Beth El--Montgomery County
congratulates
Allan Kahan
on becoming FJMC International President, and
Hal Freed
for being honored as
Seaboard's 2021 Ma'asim Tovim.

Yasher koach for all you both have done, and continue
to do, for your Clubs, Seaboard and the FJMC.



The New York Metropolitan Region
Celebrates, Congratulates and Wishes Best of Luck
To

Allan Kahan

As The Incoming
FJMC International President
2021-2023

*We know you will succeed in this
leadership role!*

*"The price of success is hard work, dedication to the job at hand, and the determination
that whether we win or lose, we have applied the best of ourselves to the task at hand."*

Vince Lombardi



**The New England Region
congratulates**

Allan Kahan

on beginning his term as

International President



Congratulations
to our Good Friend and
New International President

Allan Kahan

from
Mark & Leslie Berlin

**Mazel tov to
incoming FJMC President**

ALLAN KAHAN

**A creative, hard-working leader
and a good friend**

Kathy and Ira Bartfield

THE B'NAI ISRAEL MEN'S CLUB WISHES A
HEARTY MAZEL TOV TO OUR SEABOARD
REGION PAST PRESIDENTS

ALLAN KAHAN

International President of the FJMC for 2021–2023

HAL FREED

for receiving the 2021 Ma'asim Tovim honor

BOB WATTS

for joining the International Executive Committee of the FJMC for 2021–2023

מזל טוב!

B'NAI  **ISRAEL** ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND

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Mazel Tov for all you do for FJMC

Tom Sudow, I.P.P.

Allan Kahan, FJMC President

Blake Lenett, FJMC Florida Region President

Moshe Adler, Florida Ma'asim Tovim Honoree

Your friends,

Ed and Debbie Margolis

Double Chai - Kahan

Whether it takes a village can be debated.
But it takes an understanding, encouraging and supportive team!

Helene Kahan, wife extraordinaire and constant cheerleader

Ariel Kahan, Shira Kahan & Jared Kahan

J. Steven Kahan, older brother and role model

Sherri Kahan Greenbaum, younger sister and role model

My appreciation & love

Allan R. Kahan

Allan,

**Glad to see
you listened to my dad.**

Mazel tov.

Emile Bendit

Double Chai - Kahan

So many mentors who guided me along the way.

They saw something in me that I didn't see in myself.

May all of us be blessed to have mentors who steer us along our Jewish journey.

Burt 'Captain Ruach' Fischman, z"l
Dr. Stephen Davidoff, z"l, Past International President
Norm Kurtz, Past International President
Mark Berlin, Past International President
Mike Mills, Past International President

Myles Simpson, Past International President
Allan Gottesman, Past International President
Stan Greenspan, Past International President
Tom Sudow, International President

Thank you.

Allan R. Kahan

Dear Allan,

Mazel tov on this great honor of becoming International President of the FJMC! What a wonderful recognition of your hard work on behalf of this organization! It is an incredible achievement, and we are so proud of you. All the best in this new role.

**Love,
Ann & Joel Friedman**

Allan

*We are proud to call you our friend
The world needs more people like you*

MAZAL TOV!!

Bruce and Debbi

Combo - Kahan

Allan -

Mazel Tov
on your impressive
leadership position!
Your dedication and vision
offers FJMC a promising future.

Sherry R Kabran

Mazel tov Allan

David M Petrou

Allan
Mazel Tov, Mr. President!
(Remember, you asked for it.)

Ira Kirshenbaum

Congratulations, Allan, on such a well deserved honor. You have devoted your time and energy to this organization and it is absolutely fantastic that they recognize your value. Yeshar Cochecha, Roger and Irith Browdy

Mazal Tov to:
Norm Kurtz - Presidential Award
Allan Kahan - International President
Alan Budman - First Vice President
From: Bob Levine

Congratulations
Allan
You will be a great President
Your ROMEO friends

Congratulations
Allan Kahan!
Eric and Cindy Abel

*The Torah is a Tree of Life
Happy are they, who understand its teachings
And fulfill G-d's commandments.*



**Hudson Valley Region of the FJMC wishes Yasher Koach
to the outgoing International Executive Board.**

Under the leadership of

Tom Sudow,

his crew made a difference involving
Jewish men in Jewish life.

L'Dor V'Dor

Javier Rosenzwaig – Regional President
And the outgoing region Executive Board



Papa,

**We are so proud
of your accomplishments
the last two years.**

**Love,
Emma, Reese, Hallie,
Brody, and Miles**

**To:
Michele
Erin and Ben, Noah and Avery, Nate
Emma, Reese, Hallie, Brody & Miles**

I learned at the feet of the master - my parents, my in-laws, and many relatives – to why involvement in the Jewish community is so important. What is not important is that someday you will be President or that someday someone may give you an award for being involved. In the late 1960s through the early 1980s I was very involved in the Free Soviet Jewry Movement, why – because what separated me from them may have only been the fortune of my father walking out Europe through China to get the United States. That courageous act separated him from being in the Soviet Union or worse the Holocaust. When Michele's father was ask to defend the world from the Nazis he went to Europe in World War II. When More Grandpa realized the Jewish children need a good Jewish and general education he helped found one of the most successful Jewish Day Schools in the U.S. and I was privilege to attend it. And don't get me started on More Grandma – Israel had no more staunch defender, friend and advocate – she volunteered in Israel helping support the army and help to bring over hundreds of volunteers to volunteer in Israel. Your Grandma Phyllis was behind the scenes on so many projects. Michele has taught in Jewish schools for over 45 years impact hundreds of children as they begin their educational and Jewish journeys. On every side each of your ancestors stood and was counted on to support the Jewish and general communities

So, when you ask – why does Papa do this? Just as the people who came before did it for me, it is my turn to do it for you. It is not about being President it is about serving the Jewish community so that the Jewish community remains strong going forward. The tradition in our family tis hat every Shabbat, including the Shabbat that you were born, the parents bless the children. From each of you I receive far more blessing that I am able to give. As your More Grandma and Grandpa were/are fond of saying – “we are proud of you”.

I could not do what I have done with you your support and love. I have stood on the shoulders of my ancestors and your support and love has kept me in balance. Now it is your turn!

Husband, Father and Papa (the most important titles I have or will ever have)

פל הנבון

TO THE FORCE OF NATURE THAT IS

Thomas N. Sudow

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR
YOUR LEADERSHIP IN BUILDING
A STRONG JEWISH FUTURE AT
FJMC AND IN CLEVELAND

MITCHELL BALK
SUE AND MITCH FRANKEL
FRANCINE M. GORDON
SUSAN AND BOB IMMERMANN
NANCY AND ADAM LEVIN
KAREN AND IRA LEVINSKY

KOL HAKAVOD TOM!

Your family is exceedingly proud of your lifetime commitment and contributions to and leadership of Jewish men's clubs, beginning with Park Synagogue and now completing your term as President of the International Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs.

MAZAL TOV!

**Richard Sager Freimuth Family Cantor Sarah J. Sager Family
Sheryl and Judd Sager Family**



**The New England Region
wishes**

Tom Sudow

**Kol HaKavod
on the completion of
his term as
International President**



The New York Metropolitan Region
Wishes a Hearty

מזל טוב

and

ישר כחך

to

Tom Sudow

As the Immediate Past

FJMC International President

2019-2021

You have proven to be a true leader!

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

Winston Churchill

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***Jay Steinmetz***  
President 2019-2021

***Aaron Altman***  
Exec. Vice President 2019-2021



# Northern New Jersey Region

**Kol HaKavod  
to  
Tom Sudow  
Outgoing FJMC International President**

**Mazel Tov  
to  
Allan Kahan  
Incoming FJMC International President**

**With Deep Appreciation**





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**Meir Niad  
Anshei Darom**



**Ben Schultz  
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**Jason Eidlitz  
Hudson Valley**



**Bruce Tomar  
Mid-Atlantic**



**George Nadas  
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**Moshe Adler  
Florida**



**Joel Kling  
KIO**



**Norwin Merens  
Midwest**

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**David Singer**  
New England



**Harvey Hershkowitz**  
Northern New Jersey



**Michael Rosenberg**  
Tri-State



**Seth Goodstein**  
New York Metro



**Hal Freed**  
Seaboard



**Aren Horowitz**  
Western

# Anshei Darom



Meir grew up in Pembroke Pines, FL in an unaffiliated Jewish family. After graduating from the University of Central Florida with a BA in Digital Media and a BS in Information Technology, Meir was hired in 2005 as a software engineer for a small company in Orlando that manufactured tracking units for fleet vehicles. In 2006 he married his first wife, and the couple relocated to Oak Ridge, TN in 2007. Meir's son, Lewis, was born in 2008, and his daughter, Lilah, was born in 2010.

Until this point Meir had little personal interest or education in Judaism other than Chanukah. In 2012 Meir began his journey into active Jewish learning and living by joining adult classes. This path eventually led to membership at the Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge (JCOR), where he flourished by being actively engaged in the Jewish community. Working with his fellow shul leaders, Meir was able to

increase awareness and participation at JCOR. Meir served on the board for 4.5 years including 1 year as Vice President and 3 years as President. Meir also cofounded the Men's Club in 2014 and served as its first President. In those roles he was especially proud of the success he had with fellow members who helped him to share Judaism with the general public by hosting a booth at the town's annual Secret City Festival. JCOR became the synagogue where Meir "grew up" as a Jewish man.

In 2019, Meir left JCOR. By this time, he had 5 years of Men's Club experience under his belt including attending every Anshei Darom Region retreat since 2014, the 2015 FJMC Convention, and 3 LDI weekends. At the 2018 LDI Meir accepted his new role as regional Executive Vice President. FJMC and the Anshei Darom Region had claimed a special place in his heart and proved to be an organization to be a part of for life. It was also in 2019 when Meir revealed his newest project: co-founding a new men's club based out the local Jewish Community Center; the Greater Knoxville Jewish Men's Club is an area club that welcomes all men, regardless of movement labels.

The year 2020 will stand out in Meir's memory forever. It began with great joy as he married his besheirt, Abby, on New Year's Eve 2019. The simcha continued with his reading of Torah as part of an adult group b'nei mitzvah. When the pandemic swept in Meir was furloughed from his Systems Analyst position with Regal Cinemas' corporate office. He then sank even lower with the unexpected passing of his friend and club co-founder Bryan Merrell. Unemployed for 4 months, Meir was rescued when he accepted a new position with the US Department of Energy, and at about the same time, being asked to participate in the Marketing Task Force for FJMC rekindled his flame.

Meir would like to thank the men of Anshei Darom for bestowing upon him this great honor; with special thanks to the regional leadership team of Charles Richards, Jim Handler, Alan Lightstone, Mark Isbits, and mentor Steve Dix. He would also like to dedicate this moment to the memory of two great friends and mentors that we have lost in recent years: Steve Krodman of Woodstock, GA in 2019 and Bryan Merrell of Knoxville, TN in 2020. Steve and Bryan were the gold standard of what it means to be a mensch. Thanks beyond words goes out to Meir's wife, Abby, for always being in his corner with love and support. Also, thanks in advance for countless more hours of "Men's Club Work" that she will have to live with :) To his children, Lewis and Lilah, your dad hopes that one day you will be able to look back and understand all of this effort that he put toward Jewish Community near and far and be proud of him

MAZEL TOV

# MEIR NIAD

THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR HARD WORK  
AND DEDICATION TO  
ANSHEI DAROM,  
MEN OF THE SOUTH

Adas Yeshurun - Augusta, GA  
Beth Shalom - Atlanta, GA  
Etz Chaim - Marietta, GA  
Or Hadash - Sandy Springs, GA  
Sherith Israel - Atlanta, GA

Temple Israel - Charlotte, NC  
Emanu-El - Charleston, SC  
Greater Knoxville - Knoxville, TN  
West End - Nashville, TN  
Beth Torah - Richardson, TX



# Ansh-eh Zafon



George was born in Budapest to Holocaust survivors. At the age of three, his family escaped Hungary during the 1956 revolution. After spending about 5 months in a refugee camp in Austria, George and his parents were welcomed into Canada in June of 1957. They settled in Toronto where he was raised and lived ever since.

George grew up in a Jewish home where Shabbat and holidays were celebrated. His mother was very active in Hadassah. George often volunteered to work at the annual Hadassah bazaar to raise money for Israel.

George attended the University of Waterloo. After graduating in 1977 with an

Honours Bachelor of Mathematics degree, he married his wife of 43 years, Janet-Lee in December of that year. In June of 1978, George qualified as a Chartered Accountant. After spending about 10 years working in industry he went into public practice. He is a partner in a CPA firm and is also a partner in another accounting firm, offering bookkeeping and tax services to small businesses and individuals.

Janet-Lee and George have kept a traditional Jewish home. Their two children, David and Sarah, attended Hebrew school at Adath Israel Congregation, where the family have been members for over 40 years. Their daughter Sarah married an Israeli, and now lives in Israel, with her husband and two children. As a result, Janet-Lee and George, don't really have a difficult time in deciding where to go on vacation.... grandchildren make that choice, non-negotiable.... Israel, it is!

When Janet-Lee's father passed away, January of 2007, and she was reciting Kaddish for him, George attended the daily minyans with her, for moral support. He became a regular face there and continued his attendance even after the conclusion of Janet's 11 months' observance. It was during this time that George became more active in shul life in general and the brotherhood in particular. He quickly became the treasurer for the brotherhood and demonstrated a keen interest the goings on at the regional level, too. Once getting his toes wet, regionally, he found himself, simultaneously, holding the treasurer's position at the club and regional levels. This was followed, by becoming co-president of the Adath Israel Brotherhood and then president of the Lake Ontario Region, currently known as the Anshe Zafon Region.

His participation in the FJMC did not end there. George was invited, by Stan Greenspan, to be one of the president's appointees to the executive committee of FJMC, International, in 2017. In that capacity, he served on the finance committee and worked closely with Stephen Dix, Treasurer. That led to his election as Treasurer in 2019, a position he currently holds.

George also serves as a member of the Board of Directors for Mercaz, Canada and was planning to attend the World Zionist Congress meetings in Jerusalem, in 2020 before the Covid-19 pandemic, interfered with those plans.

**Adath Israel Brotherhood  
wishes our Past President and  
FJMC Treasurer,  
George Nadas,  
a hearty Yasher Koach and Mazel Tov  
on his well deserved honour  
as the Ansh-eh Zafon  
Ma'asim Tovim honoree,  
for his dedication and  
outstanding service  
to the Congregation,  
the FJMC and  
the entire Jewish Community!**

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Although our Canada - USA border remains closed  
for now, good wishes pass freely across borders.  
Best regards from your Brothers at Beth Tzedec in Toronto



The Beth Tzedec Centre for  
Spiritual Well-Being



BETH TZEDEC MEN'S CLUB

*Now more than ever Beth Tzedec Men's Club members make our shul strong.*

1700 Bathurst St Toronto ON Canada M5P 3K3

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FJMC Beth Emeth Chapter  
extends a hearty Mazal Tov to...



Member **BRUCE MARTIN**  
on becoming the new  
ANSH-EH Zafon (Canadian President)

and to **GEORGE NADAS** on being the recipient of the Ma'asim Tovim Award





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## Beth David Brotherhood - Toronto, ON



Wishes a Mazel Tov to

George Nadas

Anskeh Zafon Region

Ma'asim Tovim Honouree

Thank You and Mazel Tov to

Rabbi Philip Scheim shlit"א

President of Masorti Olami, Past President of the Rabbinical Assembly

On his retirement after 40 years of service to Beth David,  
37 of which as Senior Rabbi and Mara D'Asra, and  
On being named Beth David's first Rabbi Emeritus

Yasher Koach to

Rick Wronzberg

Club and Regional Past President

Co-Chair of the 2021 FJMC Convention

Fondly Remembering Club Past President

Lew Lightstone z"l

# Connecticut Valley



“Some men are born leaders; Some have leadership thrust upon them; Some learn to be leaders”. Personally, I feel that I have borne leadership...I’ve always been better as a part of a team than as an individual. When I raced bicycles in the 1970s, I would die a thousand deaths as an individual, but as a member of a pursuit team, nothing would hurt and we were capable of getting 2nd in the Nationals. When I ran my own dental practice, I couldn’t figure out how to put a team of people together. Currently, as part of a dental team that works very efficiently and effectively for our patients, I’m amazed at how many years I wasted trying to put a team together myself.

Like Groucho said, I would never want to be part of a club that would have me. As

someone raised in the Reform tradition, when my wife wanted to have our daughter named in her Conservative tradition, I agreed; what did I know? Years later, it was time to join, since, like my wife, she would be bat mitzvahed. She wanted me to come to Shabbat services and hear Rabbi Stein, of blessed memory. I was out on my bike on Saturdays, and rarely went. But if our daughter was going to do it, I felt that I should, too, and when our cantor started and adult b’nai mitzvah class, I signed up.

One of our congregants at Rodeph Sholom had just reconstituted the Men’s Club and I started attending meetings and accepting offices when nobody else would do them, eventually becoming president. I changed the way terms worked, and figured that this would help more members consider this commitment. Alas, that was not to be as the synagogue was going through some seriously painful political decisions, which resulted in many members leaving.

Similarly, I started going to our CT-Valley Region meetings, and the Retreat sponsored by the New England Region, which was gracious enough to invite us. Never having gone to Jewish Summer Camp, it was a new experience for me; I loved how into it everyone else was, and I loved the visiting scholar talks. I was awestruck by our presidents, who were able to run a great functioning meeting, and was astonished by John Kelman, who could apparently successfully organize and realize anything he wanted to do, evidently without the need for sleep. I attended LDIs and Conventions, where I was similarly astonished by seeing Lou Saftler (FJMC’s own Energizer Bunny) everywhere I looked.

Eventually it fell to me to become our president, a responsibility I was not at all happy to accept. How could I approach the abilities of Lou, Gordon, the Phils, John? Well, I couldn’t because I’m not them, and I would have to, to use a phrase from yoga, “come as I am”. So, I kept things moving along and was able to continue the effort of making our Keeper of the Flame awards luncheon a successful event, which was due I no small amount to the aforementioned Mr. Kelman. And several months later, I gratefully gave the reins over to Marty Melnick, who is positive, very competent and able to accomplish things nationally.

And so I thank our region for this honor, of which I feel so undeserving. I am still happier following orders rather than thinking of them. I am still happier asking question of lecturers than giving the lecture. I am a perpetual student, and am happy teaching one-on-one. I have met many amazing, accomplished men in this organization, and count myself lucky to be in the same room with them.

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Salutes

## Benjamin Schultz

Our Ma'asim Tovim Honoree 2021

May You Go from Strength to Strength!

Beth El Men's Club - Stamford, CT  
Beth El Temple Men's Club - West Hartford, CT  
The Emanuel Synagogue Brotherhood - West Hartford, CT  
Congregation Rodeph Sholom Men's Club - Bridgeport, CT  
Temple Beth Sholom Men's Club - Hamden, CT  
Beth Sholom B'nai Israel Brotherhood - Manchester, CT  
Congregation Or Shalom Men's Club - Orange, CT  
Congregation Beth Israel Brotherhood – West Hartford, CT  
Congregation Agudath Sholom – Stamford, CT  
Congregation Kol Haverim Brotherhood – Glastonbury, CT



# Florida



Moshe Adler was born in Tel-Aviv, Israel to a mother from Romania who was in a Nazi concentration camp with her parents and brother during World War II, and a father who was a 5th generation Palestinian/Israeli/Yerushalmi. They moved to the United States when he was 5 years old. His father became the Shames/Sexton at Congregation B'nai David, in Southfield, Michigan, a suburb of Detroit, where his father's cousin Hyman Adler was the Cantor and the Rabbi was Hayim Halevy Donin (of To Be A Jew fame). Moshe was involved in Synagogue life at an early age, joining the children's choir, attending services Friday evening, Shabbat morning and Saturday afternoon, helping his father set up for services, and learning how to lead services and read Torah from his father. His experience leading High Holiday services as a teenager, came in handy when he went to

college at the University of Florida. There, he soon became one of the daveners and Torah readers at Hillel, taught at the local Sunday school at Congregation B'nai Israel, and also taught some students for their B'nai Mitzvah.

Moshe met the love of his life, Marci, at Hillel during the Shabbat before classes began their freshman year and they married at the end of their sophomore year. Throughout college, medical school and residency (and Marci going to graduate school and law school) they remained active at Hillel and B'nai Israel. Their 2 sons, Michael & Matthew, were born in Gainesville. Their daughter, Malka, was born in West Palm Beach a few years later.

In 1981 they moved to Palm Beach County, Florida, where Moshe joined a small pediatric practice that later merged with Pediatric Associates, a large pediatric group. They joined Temple Beth El of West Palm Beach immediately on arrival and have been active members ever since. Moshe has been on the board of the temple for many years, as a board member, treasurer, vice-president and now co-president. He became active in Men's Club, attending Sunday morning minyan and staying afterward for Men's Club meetings. One Sunday he missed a meeting and was elected president of the Men's Club. He has also been a board member and treasurer of Men's Club and is responsible for computerizing both the Temple office and the Men's Club. During his term as Men's Club president, he was invited to Regional board meetings and became involved in the Florida Region and International FJMC, attending Regional retreats, LDI, and Conventions. He has served as Regional Vice President for Education and has now been Region Treasurer for several years.

Moshe looks forward to many more years of involvement in Men's Club, Temple and other Jewish activities, hopefully in person very soon.

Congratulations  
and  
Best Wishes  
to

**Dr. Moshe Adler**

**Honoree of the  
Ma'asim Tovim Award**

*A Doer of Good Deeds*

*Moshe has given so much of himself, his time, his energy and his love, to the Men's Club, Temple Beth El the Greater Jewish Community, and his Medical Patients.*

*We can never thank you enough for your dedicated and long time service.*

*Temple Beth El Men's Club*

**The Women's League of Temple Beth El  
congratulates**

**Moshe Adler, M.D.,**

**Co-President of Temple Beth El,  
And a Past President of its Men's Club**

**On Receiving the Prestigious  
Ma'asim Tovim Award**

**From the Florida Region of FJMC**

**Mazal Tov**

**Dr. Moshe Adler,**

**Our Co-president**

**No one exemplifies the attributes of the  
Ma'asim Tovim  
award more than you**

**From a grateful congregation,  
and an even more grateful Board**

**Temple Beth El  
West Palm Beach, Florida**

# **Mazal Tov Moshe**

**From your Gainesville**

**and**

**University of Florida**

**connections**

**Mark and Diane (Yarfitz) Schleifstein**

**Marc and Elaine (Feller) Birnbaum**

**Howard Rosenblatt and Eve Ackerman**

**Philip Schwartz and Elizabeth Ziffer**

**Dr. Barry Mesch**

**Congratulations to**  
**Moshe Adler, M.D.,**  
**For Receiving the Prestigious**  
**Ma'asim Tovim Award**  
**From the Florida Region of FJMC!**  
**You are super and we love you!**

**Marci Adler, Moshe's wife of 48 years,**  
**Children Michael Adler, Matthew Adler, M.D.**  
**(Melinda Goodman, Ph.D.), and Malka Adler, and**  
**Grandchildren Joshua, Zachary, and Maya Adler**

*Mazel Tov & Siman Tov  
with joy we sing the praise to*

***Dr. Moshe Adler***

*Honoree of*

***Ma'asim Tovim Award***

*A Doer of Good Deeds*

*Board of Trustees of Temple Beth El Men's Club*

*Barry Afergan*

*Sol Beck*

*Raphael Blanca*

*Lenny Feldman*

*Jerry Lichstein*

*Alan Marcovitch*

*Neil Rosen*

*Bob Schachter*

*Steve Yeckes*

*Bob Zuckerberg*

*On three things the world stands...  
On Torah, On Service,  
And on acts of human kindness – Ma'asim Tovim!  
-Shimon HaTzaddik*

**Mazel Tov!**

**Dr. Moshe Adler**

Regional Treasurer

**Blake Lenett**

Regional President

Thank you for all you do for our Brotherhood,  
the Florida Region, and the Jewish Community!

Congregation Beth Shalom Brotherhood  
Clearwater, Florida



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Congratulations!

## **Moshe Adler** **Ma'asim Tovim Honoree**

For Many Years of Men's Club Leadership  
as A Friend and Extraordinary Leader

**Florida Region**  
**Blake Lenett, President**  
**the entire Executive Board**  
**all the Club Officers and Members**

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**Mazel Tov for all you do for FJMC**

**Tom Sudow, I.P.P.**

**Allan Kahan, FJMC President**

**Blake Lenett, FJMC Florida Region President**

**Moshe Adler, Florida Ma'asim Tovim Honoree**

**Your friends,**

**Ed and Debbie Margolis**



**L'dor V'dor  
Mazel Tov!  
Florida Region!**

**Congrats On  
A Great Year!**

**Blake Lenett, President  
The Executive Board  
And All the Club Officers  
and Members**

# Hudson Valley



Hi! My name is Jason Eidlitz. This year I am the Hudson Valley region recipient of the Stanley Stern Exemplary Service award. Even though I never met Stanley, I have spoken to a few members of the region about Stanley and why the region started the award. Stanley was one of the founders of the region. He stood for the region and anything he could do for the region, and most importantly he was a mentor and motivator. I would like to think the same and that it fits my personality.

Jason was born in Yonkers in 1960. He went to Hebrew school at Midchester Jewish Center in Yonkers, N.Y. He was Bar Mitzvah in Mt. Vernon due to his learning disability. Jason moved with his father in 1974 to Greenburgh, N.Y.

Jason took his first trip to Israel in the summer of 1977 where he found his real Jewish identity. Jason went back to Israel in October of 1981 and made Aliya. He stayed until November 1984. He then moved to New Rochelle upon his return to

New York. He met his future wife Diane at a synagogue event in the fall of 1985. Jason and Diane got married in 1990 and moved to Mamaroneck N.Y. He joined Genesis in Eastchester N.Y. After one year, he was laid off and asked the shul he belonged to at the time to do something like sliding scale fees temporarily until he obtained a new employment position. He was told "members like you we don't need." So, Jason was discouraged and disappointed with formal shuls and Jewish life. In 1996, he moved to Briarcliff Manor N.Y. He went back to shul, after his stepmother passed away in 2004, in order to say kaddish. They made Jason feel comfortable and welcomed. This was his introduction to Congregation Sons of Israel, and it became Jason's second home. Jason is one of the founders of the Men's Club. He became co-president of the club in 2011 and then president in 2012. That is when he got involved in the Hudson Valley Region. Jason became president of the Hudson Valley in 2017 until 2019 where he built a succession plan for future presidents for the next eight years.

Jason is still involved as best as he can due to health issues. When he gets better, just watch out as he will stay involved as long as he can!



*The Torah is a Tree of Life  
Happy are they, who understand its teachings  
And Fulfill G-d's commandments.*

**Yasher Koach to Ma'asim Tovim honoree**

**Jason Eidlitz**

Keep up the good work that you're doing.

Javier Rosenzwaig – HVR President  
and the entire HVR Executive Board

*The Torah is a Tree of Life  
Happy are they, who understand its teachings  
And fulfill G-d's commandments.*



**Hudson Valley Region of the FJMC wishes Yasher Koach  
to the incoming International Executive Board.**

Under the upcoming leadership of our new President

**Allan Kahan**

We know that he will continue to have an impact in strengthening  
Jewish men in Jewish life.

**L'Dor V'Dor**

Javier Rosenzwaig, Outgoing HVR President + Executive Board

Stephe Sturman, Incoming HVR President + Executive Board

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to the outgoing International Executive Board.**

Under the leadership of

**Tom Sudow,**

his crew made a difference involving  
Jewish men in Jewish life.

**L'Dor V'Dor**

Javier Rosenzwaig – Regional President  
And the outgoing region Executive Board



## Jason Eidlitz

Jason is man for all seasons. He has melded a diverse group of men each of whom have great ideas to share, to work together, to stay together, and to look forward to meet with each other. The Ma'asim Tovim award seems to have been made by studying Jason's unique qualities and including those qualities when considering the honorees. Those of us who have gotten to know Jason over the years are truly blessed.

Alan Pressman

Hal Marcus

Mitch Spiegel

Andy Alper

J. Harold Nissen

Stephe Sturman

Bruce Sicherman

Javier Rosenzwaig

Steven Young

Dan Hammer

Jonathan Lesser



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fulfill G-d's commandments.*



The Hudson Valley Region of the FJMC wishes **Yasher Koach**  
to our outgoing HVR Board under the leadership of  
**Mr. Javier Rosenzwaig** and to the incoming **HVR Board**

Stephe Sturman — President

Alan Pressman — Executive VP

Mitch Spiegel — Secretary

Eric Litvak — Vice President

Javier Rosenzwaig — Treasurer & Honorary President

J. Harold Nissen — Past President

Bruce Sicherman — Past President

Hal Marcus — Past President

Dan Hammer — Past President

Fred Feinberg — Past President

Richard Freiberg — Past President

Andy Alper — Past President

Bart Bookman Z"L — Past President

Robert A. Levine — Past President

Jason Eidlitz — Past President

Rabbi Craig T. Scheff — Rabbinic Advisor

We know that they will continue to have an impact in strengthening Jewish men in Jewish life.

# KIO



Joel Kling is a life-long Cincinnati, minus a few springs and summers as a computer science co-op in Washington DC with the CIA. Joel graduated from the University of Cincinnati in 1991 with a BS degree in Computer Science. He has been using that BS degree ever since. He currently works for Fifth Third Bank in Cincinnati as a Director of Platform Engineering, supporting Digital Consumer and Commercial applications.

Joel met his wife Lynn at a UJA Regional Conference in 1996 and they married in June 1998. Their daughter, Shayna, is a sophomore at The Ohio State University, and their son, Adam, is a senior, graduating from Sycamore High School in May 2021. Shayna is a past president of Adath Israel's USY chapter

and Adam is a past president of Cincinnati's BBYO/AZA chapter. Shayna is an accomplished singer, serving as featured soloist for Adath Israel's High Holiday choir and a part of OSU's MeshugaNotes a capella group. Adam has had leadership roles within the Cincinnati Jewish Teen Collective, is a catcher on Sycamore High School's varsity baseball team, and works as a barback and kitchen staff at Silver Spring House in Cincinnati.

Inspired by his parents' volunteering for many organizations, Joel has served on many boards and committees throughout his life. A past president of Cincinnati's Jewish Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Joel helped guide the organization through the retirement of the long-time Executive Director. Joel is a past-president of Adath Israel's Brotherhood, serving from 2009-2011 when he was asked to step into the presidency and help reinvigorate the group and setup a long term succession plan. He currently chairs the Brotherhood's annual Super Bowl Square Pool fundraiser that has raised thousands of dollars for Adath Israel's Brotherhood, continuing to serve as an advisor and board member to current leadership. Joel served as KIO Region President from 2015-2017. He currently serves as a Vice President on Adath Israel Congregation's Board.

He is well versed on most services and can lead daily Minyanim. Joel has co-chaired several USY Conventions hosted by Adath Israel's USY. A regular attendee at FJMC's LDI, Joel is a past LDI Region Leader track co-chair as well. He has been the High Holiday Ba-al Tekiah (Shofar Blower) for the last 12 years at Adath Israel as well. Joel plays trumpet in a local band, raising money for local children's charities. Being one of two Jewish members in Santa's Goody Bag Band has been an absolute blast!

Honored by the FJMC's KIO+ Region (Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, and Michigan), Joel is humbled to be included amongst the incredibly talented regional honorees for 2021 as well as past recipients. Inspired by these fellow Ma'asim Tovim Award winners, he extends a "Yasher Koach" as well.

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MAZAL TOV TO OUR BROTHER AND LEADER JOEL KLING ON BEING HONORED  
WITH THE MA'ASIM TOVIM AWARD



Tom Sudow  
Karl Rubin  
Michael Steinbuch  
Irwin Dumstchein  
Danny Silverstein  
Tifereth Israel Men's Club

Dale Levy  
Mark Rosenson  
Henry Leopold  
Doug Segerman  
Agudas Achim Brotherhood  
Park Synagogue Men's Club

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CONGRATULATIONS TO TOM SUDOW FOR THE TREMENDOUS LEADERSHIP THAT YOU HAVE PROVIDED AS THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE FJMC



Mike Mills  
Tom Sudow  
Karl Rubin  
Mark Rosenson  
Dale Levy  
Joel Kling  
The Agudas Achim Brotherhood  
Park Synagogue Mens Club

Gary Smith  
Michael Steinbuch  
Doug Segerman  
Henry Mentle  
Danny Silverstein  
The Adath Israel Brotherhood  
The Tifereth Israel Mens Club  
Josh Lisman

# Middle Atlantic



Bruce Tomar has been involved in men's club since the early '80's when he joined Oxford Circle Jewish Community Center and served on the programming committee. He was tasked with organizing the first annual Sweetheart's dance, which went onto become a successful annual event. Upon moving to Cherry Hill, NJ in 1985, he joined Congregation Beth El (then in Cherry Hill) and rose up the ranks to become club president in 1992. Some of his proudest accomplishments were the establishment of the Jewish Athletic League in South Jersey and becoming a mentor to younger men who ultimately became the future leaders of men's club.

After becoming his clubs' Man Of The Year in 2001, Bruce became involved at the regional level in the Middle Atlantic Region. He served on many committees,

most notably chairing two Man of the Year dinners. Additionally, it was his responsibility to organize retreats with neighboring regions. All of these experiences served Bruce well as he took on the mantle of Regional President for the Middle Atlantic Region from 2008 – 2010. The penultimate event during his tenure as president was having the honor to host the 2009 FJMC convention in Philadelphia.

Since 2010 Bruce has chaired two Leadership Development Institutes as well as different 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.

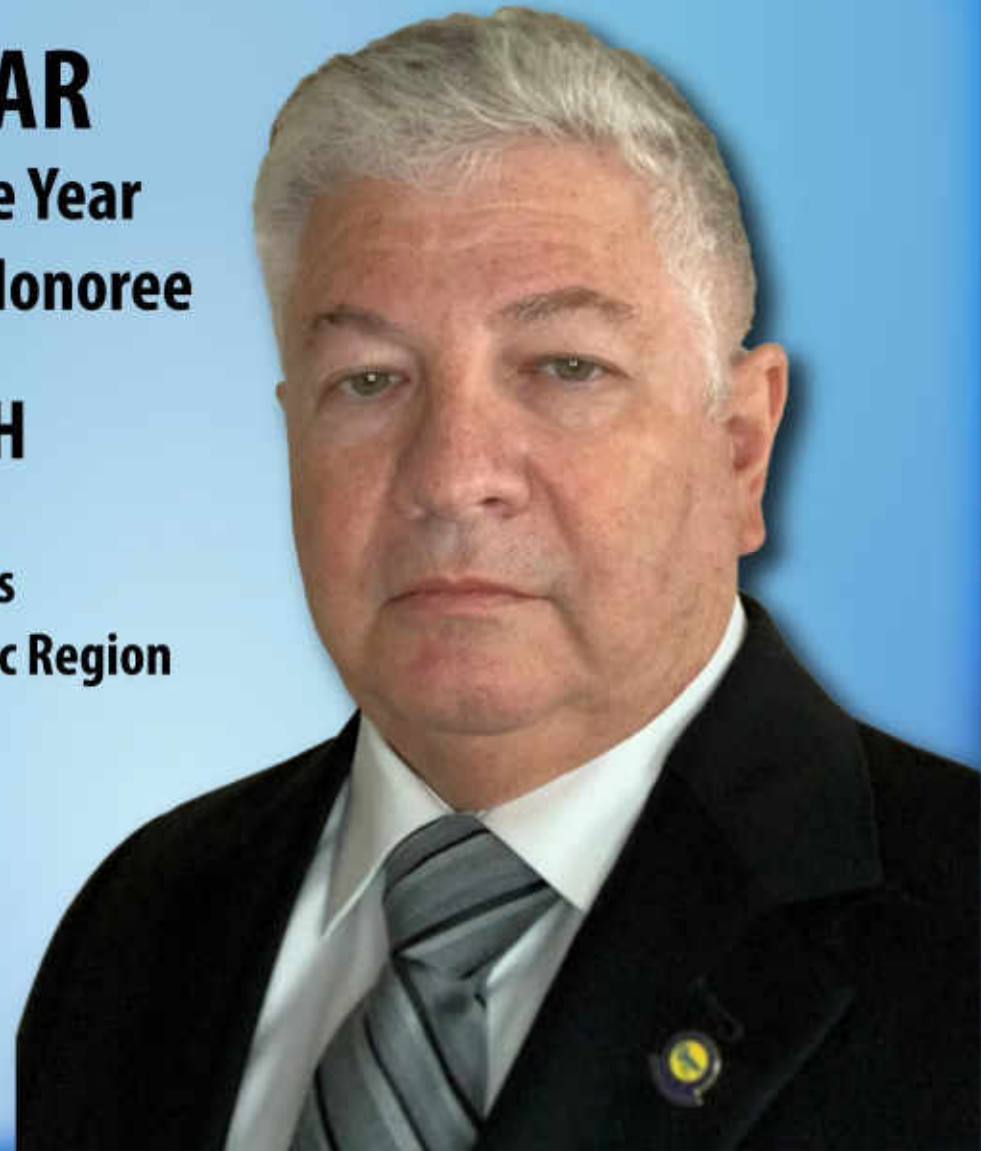
Bruce spent his formative years in Philadelphia. After graduating from Northeast High School in 1971, he attended the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science (now the University of Sciences in Philadelphia) where he earned his Bachelor's Degree in Science for Pharmacy in 1976.

Married since 1976, Bruce and his lovely and supportive wife Marcia have three children – Jennifer, David and Heather 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 the club as well as the community level.

**BRUCE TOMAR**  
Regional Man of the Year  
FJMC Ma'asim Tovim Honoree

**YASHER KOACH**  
from the Officers,  
Directors & Trustees  
of the FJMC Middle Atlantic Region





**Yasher Koach to our Club Presidents  
of the Middle Atlantic Region  
for your dedicated service to your clubs  
these past two extraordinary years!**

**Adath Israel  
Scott Nelson**

**Temple Beth Sholom  
Drew Burach**

**Ohev Shalom of Bucks County  
Steven Miller & David Zeitzer**

**Congregation Adath Jeshurun  
Harry Lessig & Ed Moses**

**Congregation Beth Tikvah  
Ken Siegel**

**Congregations of Shaare Shamayim  
Paul Kaplan & Barry Leiber**

**Congregation Beth El  
Marc Shenker**

**Congregation Brothers of Israel  
Lenny Rosenfeld**

**South Jersey Men's Club  
Ed Stein**

**Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El  
Lee Bender<sup>21</sup> & Sam Brint**

**Germantown Jewish Centre  
Richard Menin**

**Temple Sinai  
Grant Raskin**

**Beth Sholom Congregation  
Steve Pilchik**

**Har Zion Temple  
Jordan Landau**

**Tiferet Bet Israel  
Neal Jacobs & Paul Stein**

**YASHER KOACH to  
MARC COHEN**  
on completing his  
Regional Presidency  
and  
**MAZEL TOV**  
on becoming an  
FJMC International  
Vice President



from your brothers of the  
FJMC Middle Atlantic Region





# ***AND THEY SAID IT COULDN'T BE DONE!***

Congratulations to the  
Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs  
for this extraordinary virtual convention.

**Bruce Fagan**



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**Yasher Koach to the Officers and Board of Directors  
of the Middle Atlantic Region for your dedicated  
service these past two extraordinary years!**

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**Recording Secretary**

**Paul Kaplan**





**The Middle Atlantic Region  
is proud to wish  
LESTER SHAPIRO  
INCOMING REGIONAL PRESIDENT  
a most heartfelt  
YASHER KOACH  
& MAZEL TOV!**





**BRUCE TOMAR**  
Regional Man of the Year  
FJMC Ma'asim Tovim Honoree

The Trustees of the  
Middle Atlantic Region  
wish you a hearty  
**MAZEL TOV!**

**Trustees (Regional Past Presidents):** Leonard Abrams, Lawrence Allen, Michael Brassloff, David Breslau, Alan Budman, Bruce Fagan, Jerome H. Frank, Howard Goldman, Edward Kochman, Arthur Lashin, Robert Parkin, S. Michael Starkman, Joseph Swerdlow, Bruce Tomar, Michael Weingram

Temple Sinai, Dresher, PA wishes

**ALAN BUDMAN**

**Success Upon Success  
as he ascends to the office of  
FJMC 1st VICE PRESIDENT**



***MAZAL TOV, ALAN***  
**from your**  
**Temple Sinai Friends**

Paul & Susan Bratt, Bruce & Nancy Fagan  
David & Marla Kepniss, Peter & Joyce Klugherz  
Jay & Judy Marku, Frank & Roz Romanoski  
John & Barbara Rosenau, Rob & Nancy Rosenthal  
Allan & Jane Stock, Jeff & Jill Workman

**TO ALAN BUDMAN**  
**from the Boys Night Out Guys**

“Friendship is everything.  
Friendship is more than talent.  
It is more than the government.  
It is almost the equal of family.”

Art Blatman, Bruce Fagan, Dan Fein,  
Nelson Klein, Frank Romanoski,  
Jules Shamberg, Ken Zeitzer

**ALAN BUDMAN**

**Incoming  
FJMC International  
1st. Vice President**

**YASHER KOACH  
from your brothers  
of the  
Middle Atlantic Region**



# *Congratulations to "Our" Vice President!*

*We love you!*

*Lisa, Brendan & Cozmo*



MARK COHEN  
Incoming FJMC  
International Vice President



*We think ALL our clubs are quality clubs, but*

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2021 QUALITY CLUB AWARD WINNERS**

**Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El – Wynnewood, PA**

**Beth Sholom Congregation – Elkins Park, PA**

**Temple Beth Sholom – Cherry Hill, NJ**

**Congregation Brothers of Israel – Newtown, PA**

**Ohev Shalom of Bucks County – Richboro, PA**

**Temple Sinai – Dresher, PA**



# Midwest



Norwin began his FJMC journey when he joined the Beth Hillel Men's Club, Wilmette, IL in 1993 and began slicing bagels. He went on to hold several club positions, including recording secretary, membership vice president, executive vice president and as president from 2005-08. Norwin also served on the synagogue's board of directors first as adult education chair and later as membership vice president, 2015-18, for Beth Hillel Congregation Bnai Emunah (BHCBE.) While providing executive leadership to BHCBE, he also served enthusiastically as FJMC Midwest Region president from 2015-17.

During his term as Region president, Norwin personally visited all but one club within the six-state region. He worked with fellow board members to enhance the

scope of annual Man & Youth of the Year events and was credited with expanding the editorial scope and content of the Tribute Book published each year to recognize the achievements of honorees in both categories. His volunteer commitment to this regional event has been a constant for more than 15 years. In 2009, he was selected as BHCBE's Man of the Year and personally credits Burt Fischman and Nat Miller, of blessed memory, as his men's club mentors.

Norwin continues to develop programming for the FJMC Midwest Region as part of a new webinar series. He has also provided graphic design support to FJMC International with the redevelopment of annual Yellow Candle marketing materials for online and print use in 2017 and convention logo identities for the FJMC New England and South Florida biennial events in 2013 and 2015.

In 2018, Norwin and his dear wife, Laura, left BHCBE and joined Temple Beth Israel (TBI), Skokie, IL, where he received his Hebrew and religious school education, growing up in north suburban Chicago. Norwin immersed himself in TBI governance upon joining and became Brotherhood co-president and a Temple trustee in 2019. He also maintains a direct FJMC affiliation as a member of Congregation Beth Israel Ner Tamid Men's Club, Glendale, WI.

In his professional life, Norwin rebranded his boutique B2B agency as Lillian Group Marketing, LLC in 2018. He previously managed NM Marketing Communications LLC for 18 years. In the late 1990s, he served as Group Vice President, Sales & Marketing for Skokie-based Bodycote Materials Testing, Inc., where he was directly responsible for corporate business development, marketing and public relations initiatives—as well as management of the marketing and sales teams—for the global provider of metallurgical and materials testing services.

He also spent 15 years in marketing, communications, publishing and trade show management capacities for the North American Die Casting Association (NADCA) and later the American Foundry Society. At AFS, he communicated and marketed the society's education and training programs to senior corporate executives and middle management personnel throughout North America.

Norwin is a journalism/mass communications graduate of Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa.

# Midwest Region FJMC

Honors 2 of our own



**President's Award - Norm Kurtz**  
**Ma'asim Tovim - Norwin Merens**

From the 1000+ members of the region.

## Men's Clubs of the Midwest Region FJMC

מזל טוב

**President's Award - Norm Kurtz**

**Ma'asim Tovim - Norwin Merens**

Anshe Emet Synagogue

Congregation Beth Israel Ner Tamid

Congregation Beth Shalom

Congregation Kol Rinah

Congregation Rodfei Zedek

Beth Hillel Bnai Emunah

Congregation Beth Judea

Congregation B'nai Amoona

North Suburban Synagogue Beth El

West Suburban Temple Har Zion

IN HONOR OF



NORWIN A. MERENS



**2021  
MA'ASIM TOVIM  
HONOREE**

WITH MUCH LOVE, ADMIRATION & RESPECT FOR THE  
DEDICATION, CONTRIBUTIONS & DEVOTION YOU HAVE  
GIVEN TO YOUR CLUB, SYNAGOGUE & JEWISH COMMUNITY.

YOUR LOVING WIFE, LAURA MERENS  
& BROTHER-IN-LAW, DR. MONY SARCU

## The Past Presidents of the Midwest Region FJMC

מזל טוב

**President's Award - Norm Kurtz**

**Ma'asim Tovim - Norwin Merens**

Dr. Jerry Agrest  
Gerry Brin  
Mike Greenberg  
Mark Givarz  
Stu Gold

Steve Lessman  
Maimon Lusky  
Shelley Pike  
Evan Rumack  
Sandy Victor

## **WE ARE THE MEN OF ZOOM!**

I want to take a moment to thank and say YASHER KOACH to the hundreds of men who took on the charge to engage Jewish Men (and women) in Jewish Life over the past two years. Though unbelievable odds you organized creative programming and brought that program online, over 300 webinars, affinity groups, retreats, Kabbalat Shabbat, meetings, leadership training, and creative programming. You created a huge impact that was felt at a time of great need and isolation. You answered the call with creativity and ingenuity and technical proficiency (that many of us did know we had). You changed lives and you changed the FJMC and I thank each of you, far too numerous to list in ad,- The Executive Committee, Committee Chairman, Regional Presidents and Leaders, Club Presidents and Club Leaders and many other who stepped up. Todah Rabah You made a true Difference.

To the Massim Tovim Awardees you are exemplars of what it means to be doers of good deeds. I am touched by each of you with your acts of leadership and volunteerism and to your families who assist you and support you. Yasher Koach on your recognition.

To The Convention Committee led by Danny, Rick, Mitch, Aaron and Doug and 50 others, you planned two outstanding Conventions. One for Chicago, that very unfortunately had to be canceled and this spectacular Virtual Convention, which is our largest Convention in more than 40 years. You are very special and we all thank you for your extraordinary efforts.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as President of an organization that has truly so many doers and doers of good deeds. They truly lead the FJMC to do great work.

To my good friend Allan Kahan it has been an honor to work side by side with you during the past two years and I know the best days for the FJMC are ahead of us with you at the helm.

With deepest gratitude  
Tom Sudow

*Norm Kurtz*



*216 83N  
on receiving the  
FJMC  
President's Award*

*You are the living embodiment of what Men's  
Club is all about. You have been a leader,  
mentor, and inspiration to our club from its early  
days to today.*

*We can't thank you enough for all you do, not  
only for Beth Judea, but for the FJMC and the  
Midwest Region as well.*

***Do you want to go for lunch?***

*Your Beth Judea Brothers*

**The Executive Board of the Midwest Region FJMC**

**מזל טוב**

**President's Award - Norm Kurtz**

**Ma'asim Tovim - Norwin Merens**

Harvey Redfern  
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## Midwest Region

CONGRATULATES

Past Region President

**NORWIN MERENS**

**2021 Masim Tovim Awardee**

### **2019-2021 Region Board**

Harvey Redfern – President

Creighton Cohn – Executive Vice President

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*Involving Jewish Men in Jewish Life*

## MIDWEST REGION EXTENDS A MAZEL TOV

TO OUR OWN

# NORM KURTZ

### **2021 PRESIDENTS AWARD WINNER**

Congratulation to Norm our MENTOR, LEADER AND MOST OF ALL OUR VERY GOOD FRIEND

### **2019-2021 Midwest Region Board**

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Dr. Eric Yegelwel

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# New England



David P. Singer is the International Vice President of Communications. He lives in Framingham, MA with his wife, Randy. He has two sons: Daniel, who works for Qualtrics in Utah, in internal sales, and Noah, who lives in Brighton, MA and works for National Grid. David has worked Raytheon for 33 years as a software engineer on air traffic control systems, weather radar systems, Navy radar and satellite communications.

David founded his club at Temple Israel of Natick, MA in the year 2000 and served as president for 5 years. He then became involved in the New England Region and held positions as TheRetreat co-chair and Membership VP, ultimately holding the

position of Regional President (2015-2017). As Regional President, he created a leadership database to improve membership involvement and he ensured that each event had a program guide for use by future program leaders. He brought the organization into the next century using Dropbox and Google Drive.

David joined the FJMC Executive Committee in 2017 with terms as Secretary and Vice President of Communications. In his role as secretary, David used his extensive organizational skills to help FJMC to transition to using Google Drive. As VP of Communications he revitalized the HaShofar and FJMC Advantage publications, set up an IT committee and chaired a marketing task force.

Over the years David brought mindfulness services, first to LDI and then, as a training program, to the 2019 convention. Each week he helps Rabbi Daniel Liben lead a Sunday morning mindfulness service that is attended by his FJMC friends from various cities including Toronto, Illinois, Maryland, New Hampshire and Massachusetts.



**Kol HaKavod  
to our  
Ma'asim Tovim Honoree,**

***David Singer***



## **The New England Region salutes its incoming Executive Board for 2021-2022:**

**Rick Kramer, Co-President  
Danny Mandeau, Co-President  
Steve Golden, Vice President  
Mo Diamant, Vice President  
Marty Paley, Vice President  
Ed Willins, Vice President  
Steve Wolfe, Vice President  
Stephen Shrago, Treasurer**

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Norm Tabroff, Recording Secretary  
Mark Popovsky, Assistant Recording Secretary  
Andy Fandel, Communications Secretary  
Elliot Feldman, Immediate Past President**



**The New England Region  
salutes its members on the**

**FJMC Executive Committee 2021-2023:**

**David Singer, Vice President**

**Elliot Feldman, Vice President**

**Bob Braitman, Past International President**



The New England Region thanks  
its Executive Board for 2020-2021:

Rick Kramer, President  
Steve Golden, Executive Vice President  
Danny Mandeau, Vice President  
Mo Diamant, Vice President  
Ed Willins, Vice President  
Marty Paley, Vice President  
Steve Wolfe, Vice President  
Stephen Shrago, Treasurer  
Peter Matusow, Financial Secretary  
Harvey Wolf, Assistant Financial Secretary  
Norm Tabroff, Recording Secretary  
Andy Fandel, Communications Secretary  
Phil Wachslar, Assistant Communications Secretary  
Elliot Feldman, Immediate Past President

*Mazal Tov and Yasher Koach*

to

**David Singer**

**Our Men's Club Mentor,**

**Mindfulness Master and Mensch!**

**With Deep Affection and Appreciation**

**for all that you do for our community,**

**The Clergy and Board of Temple Israel of Natick**





**THE NEW ENGLAND REGION  
THANKS THE CONVENTION CO-CHAIRS,  
RICK WRONZBERG AND DANNY MANDEAU,  
AND THE ENTIRE CONVENTION 2021 TEAM  
FOR AN OUTSTANDING JOB  
PLANNING AN AMAZING WEEK OF PROGRAMS.**

**KOL HAKAVOD!**



# **Norm Kurtz**

**Kol HaKavod  
and  
Mazel Tov**

**on receiving  
FJMC's highest honor,  
The President's Award.**



**The New England Region  
congratulates**

**Allan Kahan**

**on beginning his term as  
International President**



**The New England Region  
wishes**

**Tom Sudow**

**Kol HaKavod  
on the completion of  
his term as  
International President**

# New York Metropolitan



Judaism has always been extremely important to Seth, as demonstrated by his involvement in Jewish communal activities for most of his life.

Seth completed a successful career as a New York City Police Officer, rising to the rank of Lieutenant. His last assignment before retiring was as the day tour Platoon Commander assigned to the Midtown North Precinct in Manhattan. In this role, he was responsible for areas such as Times Square, the Broadway Theatre District, Rockefeller Center, and Hell's Kitchen. During his time with the NYPD, he was a member of the NYPD Shomrim Society (the official fraternal organization of the Jewish New York City Police Officers), eventually serving as their president in 2005.

Years later, Seth was elected the New York Metro FJMC Regional President from 2011 – 2013 and served as Executive Vice President prior. A past president of the East Meadow Jewish Center Men's Club, as well as a former congregation 1st Vice President, he chaired the Security Committee for 18 years.

During Seth's tenure as FJMC President, the region acquired 13 new clubs, developed a new constitution, and established an extensive board of directors that still resonates in the current administration. The Region continues to be active and vibrant under subsequent leadership with programming, outreach, and brotherhood.

After retiring from the police department, Seth worked for Marriott as the Director of Security at several Midtown Manhattan hotels, including the St. Regis Hotel and the New York Marriott East Side Hotel. Currently, Seth is the Queens County Regional Security Manager for the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York (JCRC of NY). In this role, Seth assists the Queens Jewish Community, in strengthening their institutions against possible attacks. This role is part of a brand-new program called the Community Security Initiative (CSI) and is a joint venture with UJA Federation and the JCRC of NY.

Seth is a New York State Certified Emergency Medical Technician, and holds a bachelor's degree, and a master's degree in Criminal Justice from John Jay College, as well as a Master of Public Administration degree from Marist College.



*THE OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD OF NEW YORK METROPOLITAN REGION*

**WISHES טוב מזל TO**

***NORM KURTZ***

*ON BEING THIS YEAR'S RECIPIENT OF THE*

***FJMC PRESIDENT'S AWARD***



***YOU HAVE MADE OUR ORGANIZATION PROUD!  
YOUR RELENTLESS DEDICATION TO FJMC IS WELCOMED AND TO BE COMMENDED!***

***Your Legacy Lives On!!***

**בחך ישר  
YASHER KOACH!**

***Jay Steinmetz  
President 2019-2021***

***Aaron Altman  
Exec. Vice President 2019-2021***

**MAZEL TOV To My Husband**

***SETH I. GOODSTEIN***

***The 2021 FJMC Ma'asim Tovim Award  
NY Metro Region***

*The family is incredibly proud of everything  
you continue to do in life and this honor is a true reflection of  
the good work and love you have for Judaism.*

*Congratulations to you and all the other honorees.*

*All well deserved.*

*May you all be blessed with good health, happiness and love!*

*Love,*

*Denise, Alexander, Gabrielle, Nydia, Mom, Dad, and Trixie*

***Yasher Koach!***



The Officers, Trustees and Men of the New York Metro Region  
Warmly Extend a ישר כחך  
To

***Jay Steinmetz***

***We are So Proud of Your Leadership  
and All You Have Contributed  
These Past Two Years  
as President  
Of the New York Metro Region FJMC***

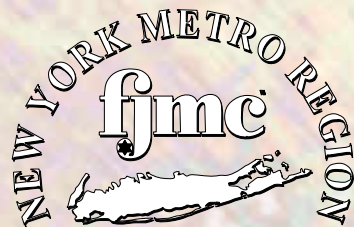
You have faithfully served the Conservative/Masorti Movement and the  
Broader Jewish Community

*To Jay, we lift our shot glasses and say L'Chaim!!!*

***"... the kind of leader that other people would follow voluntarily;  
even if you had no title or position."***

*Brian Tracy, Author*





The Members of the  
New York Metro Region  
תּוֹדָה רַבָּהּ and ישר כחך Express  
To

**GARY SMITH**

Serving as Chairman of  
*Your Dedication and Contribution to FJMC  
Is to be Commended!*

~~~~~  
Best Wishes to

ALLAN GOTTESMAN

As Incoming Chairman



The New York Metropolitan Region
Wishes a Hearty

מזל טוב

and

ישר כחך

to

Tom Sudow

As the Immediate Past

FJMC International President

2019-2021

You have proven to be a true leader!

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

Winston Churchill

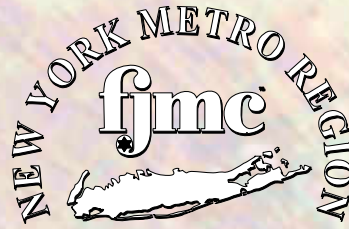
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***Jay Steinmetz***

President 2019-2021

***Aaron Altman***

Exec. Vice President 2019-2021



The New York Metropolitan Region  
Celebrates, Congratulates and Wishes Best of Luck  
To

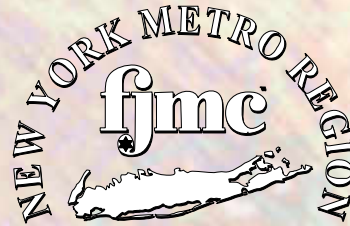
***Allan Kahan***

As The Incoming  
***FJMC International President***  
2021-2023

*We know you will succeed in this  
leadership role!*

*"The price of success is hard work, dedication to the job at hand, and the determination  
that whether we win or lose, we have applied the best of ourselves to the task at hand."*

*Vince Lombardi*



THE OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE NEW YORK METROPOLITAN REGION

**CONGRATULATES**

**SETH GOODSTEIN**

ON BEING THIS YEAR'S

**מעשים טובים**

**MA'ASIM TOVIM AWARD RECIPIENT**

**2020-2021**

YOUR DEDICATION TO OUR REGION WAS EXEMPLARY AND YOU HAVE MUCH TO BE PROUD OF!

MAZAL TOV & YASHER KOACH!

Jay Steinmetz  
NY Metro President  
2019-2021

Aaron Altman  
Exec. Vice President  
2019-2021



ואמלא אתו רוח א-לקים בחכמה ובתבונה ובדעת ובכל-מלאכה  
(שמות ל"א:ג)

*"I have endowed him with a divine spirit of skill, ability, and knowledge"*  
(Exodus 31:3)

# SETH GOODSTEIN

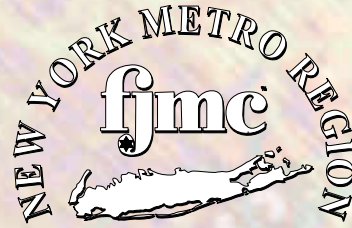
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מעשים טובים

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**A SPECIAL THANK YOU  
TO MY ENTIRE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

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| <i>Aaron Altman</i>      | <i>Exec. Vice Pres.</i>      | <i>Ed Fleiss</i>                    | <i>Recording Sec</i>      |
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**YOUR DEDICATION AND COMPASSION TO OUR REGION DURING THE PANDEMIC WAS TRULY APPRECIATED!**

**I COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU!**

**MY SINCERE APPRECIATION!**

**TODAH RABAH**



**AARON ALTMAN**

**AND THE ENTIRE NEW EXECUTIVE BOARD  
Best Wishes for a Successful Term  
2021-2023**

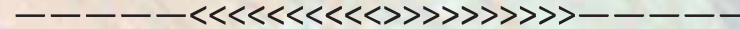


**I will be here to help in any way I can and  
Look forward to helping our region grow!**

**In Brotherhood & Friendship! Jay Steinmetz L'Chaim**



The Members of the  
New York Metro Region  
Express Best Wishes and Good Luck to the  
Incoming Executive Board 2021 - 2022



**President**  
*Aaron Altman*  
**1st VP**  
*Shea Lerner*  
**2nd VP**  
*Stuart Haimes*  
**3rd VP**  
*Jonathan Brody*

**VP Communications**  
*Ed Fleiss*  
**VP Outreach & Community Awareness**  
*Dr. Steven Mandel*  
**VP Programs**  
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**Sgt. at Arms**  
*Joe Bruck*  
**Ass't Sgt. at Arms**  
*Bob Markowitz*  
**Recording Secretary**  
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*Rabbi Howard Buechler*



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jewish center

*THE OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD  
OF  
EAST MEADOW BETH-EL JEWISH CENTER MEN'S CLUB*

*WISHES מוזל טוב TO*

***JAY STEINMETZ***

*FOR HIS SUCCESSFUL TENURE AS NYM REGION PRESIDENT 2019-2021*

*YOUR LEADERSHIP ALLOWED THE REGION TO THRIVE  
DURING THE PANDEMIC AND KEPT US ALL CONNECTED*

*YOUR DEDICATION TO OUR REGION AND CLUB  
MAKES US PROUD TO HAVE YOU AS ONE OF OUR OWN!*

***ישר כחך  
YASHER KOACH!***

*Warren Berkowitz  
President*

*Ted Sharkis  
Exec. Vice President*





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jewish center

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*WISHES מוזל טוב TO*

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*ON BEING THIS YEAR'S*

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*~~ YOU HAVE MADE OUR CLUB PROUD ~~*

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**ישר כחך**

***YASHER KOACH!***

*Warren Berkowitz  
President*

*Ted Sharkis  
Exec. Vice President*

# Northern New Jersey



Harvey has been actively involved with the Northern New Jersey Region of the FJMC since 2004. He is a past President of NNJR. He served as Region President from 2016–2018. Before that, Harvey served as Executive Vice President and held several other positions on the Region Board. He Chaired the Region MOY North Dinners for many years. He was the Region's MOY in 2009.

One of Harvey's efforts as Region President was to increase involvement with Israel. NNJR supported a Masorti Kehilla, Magen Avraham, in Omer, Israel in translating FJMC's Hearing Men's Voices into Hebrew

Harvey is a past President of the Caldwell Men's Club and was the Club MOY in 2006. Harvey served 2 terms as Club President.

He is Co-Chairman of the Congregation's Israel Program Committee, which has raised over \$1,000,000 for worthy projects in Israel through annual CAI Walks for Israel since 2002 and other fund raising activities. He is a member of the CAI Ritual Committee. He has also served as the Congregation's Treasurer and was Chairman of the Daily Evening Minyan and was a member of CAI's Long Range Planning Committee

One of Harvey's major accomplishments was leading a CAI Men's Club Volunteer Trip to Ofakim and Mirchavim in Israel. This volunteer effort won the Gold First Place Torch Award for Best Israel Support Program at the 2005 FJMC Convention. He has been honored by the State of Israel Bonds and the Congregation for his service to the community and the State of Israel and was presented a Lion of Judah Award.

He is a member of the FJMC Board of Directors.

Harvey is a member of the MERCAZ USA Board of Directors and was an Alternate Delegate of the MERCAZ Slate at the World Zionist Congress held in Jerusalem in 2015. He is also a Club Member of AIPAC.

Harvey has BSEE and MS degrees from New Jersey Institute of Technology. He retired in 2005 after having worked in the Telecommunications field for over 45 years in significant managerial and technical positions. These included being a President of an independent consulting company and a Vice President of Chase Manhattan Bank.

He lives in Montville, NJ with his wife Jeanette.

**YASHER KOACH**

**HARVEY HERSHKOWITZ**

**NNJR 2021 Ma'asim Tovim Honoree**

*And*

**NORM KURTZ**

**2021 President's Award Recipient**

**You make us Jersey proud**

From your friends in the  
Northern NJ Region

**YASHER KOACH**

**HARVEY HERSHKOWITZ**

**NNJR 2021 Ma'asim Tovim Honoree**

May you continue  
in our Community



to do good deeds  
and for Israel!

From your friends in the  
**Northern NJ Region**

**YASHER KOACH**

**NORM KURTZ**

on receiving the  
**2021 FJMC PRESIDENT'S AWARD**

Way to be  Jersey Strong!

*You made*  *Melz'l kvell*

From your friends in the  
**Northern NJ Region**

# Missing Matt Bonus<sup>z'l</sup>



Forever  in our hearts

*May his memory be for a blessing*

**YASHER KOACH**

**HARVEY HERSHKOWITZ**

**NNJR 2021 Ma'asim Tovim Honoree**

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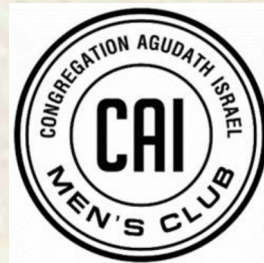
CALDWELL, NEW JERSEY

CELEBRATES OUR ESTEEMED MEMBER

**HARVEY HERSHKOWITZ**

THE FJMC NORTHERN NEW JERSEY REGION  
RECIPIENT OF THE MA'ASIM TOVIM HONOREE

כל הכבוד





*Yasher Koach!*

to our good friend

*Harvey Hershkowitz*

on his receiving the prestigious

**Ma'asim Tovim Award**

from the International Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs.

**מזל טוב!**

Your dedication and tireless service to FJMC, NNJR  
and the Jewish People are always appreciated and are an  
inspiration to us!

*EBJC Men's Club*



# Northern New Jersey Region

**Kol HaKavod  
to  
Tom Sudow  
Outgoing FJMC International President**

**Mazel Tov  
to  
Allan Kahan  
Incoming FJMC International President**

**With Deep Appreciation**



# Northern New Jersey Region

**Wishing Success and Mazel Tov to Our  
Incoming  
Executive Board 2021-2022**

David Glass, President  
David Julis, Executive Vice President  
Denis Vogel, VP Rosh North  
Len Whitman, VP Rosh South  
Larry Klioze, VP Rosh Central  
Mike Keats, VP Communications  
Ari Kampel, Treasurer  
Steve Katz, Financial Secretary  
Jerry Siskind, Recording Secretary  
Rob Blitzer, Honorary President

*Kol HaKavod*



# Northern New Jersey Region

Thank You For a Job Well Done to Our  
Outgoing  
Executive Board 2020-2021

Rob Blitzer, President  
Matt Bonus z'l, Executive Vice President  
Denis Vogel, VP Rosh North  
Len Whitman, VP Rosh South  
David Glass, VP Rosh Central  
Larry Klioze, VP Communications  
David Julis, Treasurer  
Ari Kampel, Financial Secretary  
Mike Keats, Recording Secretary  
Elliot Brown, Honorary President

*Yasher Koach*

# Seaboard



Hal was born in Baltimore, Maryland and raised in Washington, D.C. He obtained a BEE at George Washington University in 1965 and went on to a long career as an engineer and program manager in defense electronics. He met his beautiful wife, Laurie, from St. Paul, Minn., at the JCC. They were married in 1969, settled in Potomac, Md. and joined Congregation Har Shalom. Married for a wonderful fifty-two years, they have been blessed with two children and four grandchildren.

After employment at the U.S. Navy Department as an engineer, Hal's career took Hal and the family, in 1978, to Hughes Aircraft Co. in Fullerton, Ca. The family joined Fullerton's Temple Beth Tikvah, which provided a wonderful environment to make friends and provide a Jewish education for the children. Hal became a member of the Board and was elected President of the congregation in 1991.

Hal and Laurie re-joined Har Shalom in Potomac, Maryland. In 2008, Hal became President of the Men's Club. As President, he invigorated the club, growing membership, programming, and involvement. The club received two Torch awards in 2009. Of five Torch Award applications submitted in 2011, three Gold, one Silver and one Bronze award were received. The Club has received Quality Club Awards every year since 2009. Hal was honored with the Seaboard FJMC Blue Yarmulke of the Year Award in 2010.

Hal became President of the Seaboard Region in 2013. While there, he initiated sub-region leadership workshops, successfully held bi-annual retreats and new format BYMOY dinners, both with the largest attendance ever. Hal has been involved at the International level in various projects and programs over the years. He has participated in many LDIs, several as the Regional Leaders Track Co-Chair. Hal was the Chairman of the Host Committee for the 2017 Washington Convention. The Committee organized over a dozen activities for attendees and their spouses to see Washington. Hal was a member of the 2019 FJMC Executive Board Nominations Committee and is a Co-Chair of the FJMC Regions Committee. He is Co-Chair of the 2019-2021 Torch Award program.

While not working on FJMC matters, Hal is President of Peace Mountain Theatre Company, serving Montgomery County and the greater Washington, D.C. area with theatrical productions and Educational Outreach programs, both live and on-line. In his spare time, he delivers food to needy families for Montgomery County's Mana Food for Families Program. Hal is honored to join the legends of FJMC men who have received the Ma'asim Tovim Award. He believes that Men's Clubs provide a wonderful way for Jewish Men to join with others to better our synagogues and Jewish community while having a great time. Har Shalom Men's Club's motto is "Jewish Guys, Doin' Good, Havin' Fun". FJMC, with its strong organization and platform, provides the support, training and programs that help make our clubs successful. He is proud to be a part of FJMC.



*The Seaboard Region wishes a hearty Mazel Tov to  
our brother Allan Kahan*



*on becoming  
International President of the FJMC  
2021-2023*



*Yasher Koach from the Seaboard Region to  
Hal Freed on being our  
Ma'asim Tovim Honoree for 2021  
Thank you for your service to Har Shalom,  
Seaboard and the FJMC!*





# OHR KODESH CONGREGATION

in Chevy Chase, Maryland  
is proud to be the home congregation  
for incoming FJMC President

## Allan Kahan

Allan has been a wonderful leader in our community for many years and we are so pleased to see his numerous exceptional talents applied to the national Federation of Jewish Men's Club organization. FJMC has and will surely continue to benefit from Allan's dedication and commitment to the Jewish people. We look forward to the day when we can shake hands safely again!

# בהצלחה!

Rabbi Lyle Fishman  
Cantor Hinda Eisen Labovitz  
Jerome Kiewe, Executive Director  
Seth Yoskowitz, President  
Rise Ain, 1st Vice President

On behalf of the entire membership of Ohr Kodesh Congregation!



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Mazel Tov, Allan!

We are all very proud of your accomplishments  
and know that you will be an  
excellent President for FJMC.

We know they will thrive under your leadership.

We love you!

Ellie and Steve, Sherri, Adam and Michelle,  
Erika and Jason, Jamie and Matt, Staci  
and Misha, and Brad

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*Yasher Koach*

*Allan Kahan*

*On Assuming the Presidency of the FJMC*

*2021-2023*

*Past Presidents of Seaboard*





Congregation Har Shalom

## **MEN'S CLUB**

Congratulates Seaboard Region's  
**Ma'asim Tovim Honoree**

**HAL FREED**



In appreciation for your hard work over many years  
of dedication for our Club,  
the Seaboard Region and FJMC International.



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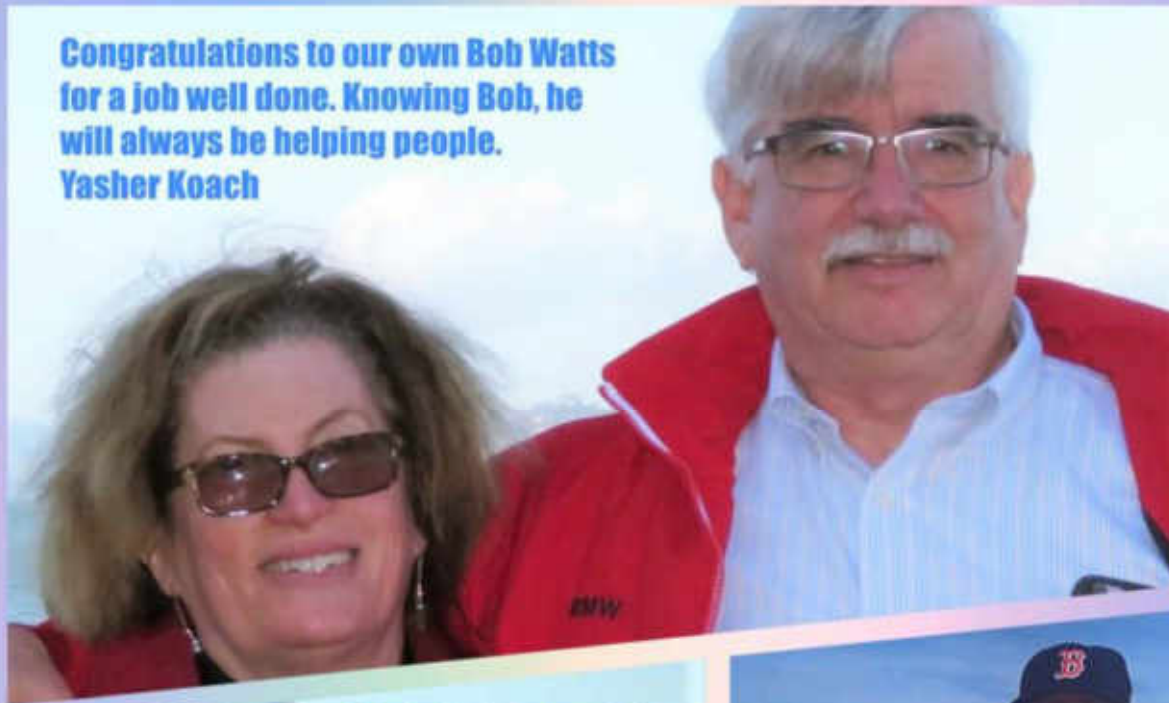
# MAZEL TOV ON YOUR NEW JOB!

WE'RE SO PROUD OF YOU BECOMING  
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT, DAD!

Love Helene, Ariel, Shira, Jared & Sadie



**Congratulations to our own Bob Watts  
for a job well done. Knowing Bob, he  
will always be helping people.  
Yasher Koach**



**Thanks Linda for supporting  
Bob while he spent countless  
hours on his PC, but at least  
you knew where he was.**



**From Your Brothers of the Olam Tikvah Men's Club, Fairfax, Virginia**



The Men's Club of  
Congregation Beth El--Montgomery County  
congratulates  
*Allan Kahan*  
on becoming FJMC International President, and  
*Hal Freed*  
for being honored as  
Seaboard's 2021 Ma'asim Tovim.

Yasher koach for all you both have done, and continue  
to do, for your Clubs, Seaboard and the FJMC.



**For our brother Aaron Kintu Moses z"l, who left us before his time, but accomplished so much as a leader, teacher, husband, and father among the Abayudaya of Uganda, and was a friend to so many of us in the Seaboard Region and the FJMC.**



*May his memory be a blessing.*



Congratulations  
to our Good Friend and  
New International President

**Allan Kahan**

from  
Mark & Leslie Berlin





# KOL Ha'KAVOD

Ma'asim Tovim Honoree

## HAL, DAD & POP-POP

Mazal Tov on receiving the Ma'Asim Tovim Award.  
We are so proud of everything you do for the  
**MEN'S CLUB** and the **JEWISH COMMUNITY**.  
*You are a role model for us all!*

WITH MUCH LOVE FROM YOUR FAMILY,

Laurie Freed

Lisa, James, Jonathan & Dahlia Cohen

Suzanne, Aaron, Benjamin & Zachary Auerbach

***MAZEL TOV!***  
***to our long-time friend***  
***and colleague***

***HAL FREED***

***on his selection as***  
***Seaboard FJMC MA'ASIM TOVIM:***  
***the ultimate JEWISH GUY,***  
***DOIN' GOOD, HAVIN' FUN!***

***Jerry Breslow & Vic Cohen***

**Seaboard Region**  **fjmc**  
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**The Seaboard Region wishes a Yasha Koach to our  
brother Bob Watts**



**on completion of his term as  
Seaboard Regional President  
2019-2021**

THE B'NAI ISRAEL MEN'S CLUB WISHES A  
HEARTY MAZEL TOV TO OUR SEABOARD  
REGION PAST PRESIDENTS

**ALLAN KAHAN**

*International President of the FJMC for 2021–2023*

**HAL FREED**

*for receiving the 2021 Ma'asim Tovim honor*

**BOB WATTS**

*for joining the International Executive Committee of the FJMC for 2021–2023*

**מזל טוב!**

**B'NAI**  **ISRAEL** ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND



**Yasher Koach to the Seaboard Leadership for 2019-2021 for hard work during a difficult time,  
And Mazel Tov to Eric Beser and Seaboard Leadership for 2021-2023! Onward and upward!**

**Region Exec 2019-2021**

|                         |                                          |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| <b>Bob Watts</b>        | <b>Regional President</b>                |
| <b>Eric Beser</b>       | <b>Regional 1st Vice President</b>       |
| <b>Ira Bormel</b>       | <b>Regional Vice President</b>           |
| <b>Keith Myers</b>      | <b>Regional Vice President</b>           |
| <b>Richard Saltzman</b> | <b>Regional Secretary</b>                |
| <b>Dan Moldover</b>     | <b>Regional Treasurer</b>                |
| <b>Alex Pomerantz</b>   | <b>Immediate Past Regional President</b> |

**Advisors**

**Vic Cohen  
Cary Feldman  
Michael Freilich  
David Freiman  
Tom Loggie  
Richard Sternberg  
Jim Sloan**

**Region Exec 2021-2023**

|                          |                                          |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| <b>Eric Beser</b>        | <b>Regional President</b>                |
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| <b>Richard Sternberg</b> | <b>Regional Treasurer</b>                |
| <b>Bob Watts</b>         | <b>Immediate Past Regional President</b> |

**Advisors**

**Jordan Baker  
Vic Cohen  
Cary M. Feldman  
Michael Freilich  
David Freiman  
Tom Loggie  
Barry Oslick  
Jim Sloan**

***Many Thanks, Bob Watts, Seaboard Regional President, 2019-2021***



**Mazal Tov, Harold (Hal) Freed, Ma'asim Tovim  
We are so proud of you and your accomplishments!**

**Wishing you success for the future.**

**Good luck, good health and lots of love,**

***The Pomerantz's: Hanna Lee, Stephen, Leslie & Family,  
David & Family, Stuart, Hyemin & Family***

***The Arnolds: Phyllis, Aaron & Family***

**Mazel tov to  
incoming FJMC President**

**ALLAN KAHAN**

**A creative, hard-working leader  
and a good friend**

**Kathy and Ira Bartfield**

# Full Page Seaboard

**Seaboard Region**

*Leadership Innovation Community*



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**Yasher Koach and Mazel Tov Hal Freed on being the  
Seaboard Region's Ma'asim Tovim Honoree for 2021!**

**We celebrate your many years of dedication and service to  
the Har Shalom community, the Seaboard Region,  
and the FJMC.**

**From the Past Seaboard Region Ma'asim Tovim Honorees:**

**Mark Berlin  
Michael Freilich  
Gregory Gore  
Allan Kahan**

**Jeffrey Moss  
Edwin Rosenzweig  
Norman Soroko  
Daniel Stern**



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Seaboard Region

Leadership Innovation Community



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*Congratulations and Yasher Koach  
Bob Watts Leading the Seaboard Region 2019-2021  
And Paving the Way for Eric Beser*



*From Your Fellow Past Presidents*

# Full Page Seaboard



**Well-deserved congratulations  
to**

**HAL FREED**

**on being selected  
Maasim Tovim honoree**

**Mark & Leslie Berlin**

# Full Page Seaboard



**Well, It's About Time!**

**Mazel Tov to**

**Norm Kurtz**

**on receiving the Presidential Award**

**from Mark & Leslie Berlin**

# Full Page Seaboard



**Mazel tov to  
incoming FJMC President,  
Allan Kahan,  
Seaboard Ma'asim Tovim honoree  
Hal Freed, and to  
Bob Watts on his terrific term as  
Seaboard Region President!**

**Jordan Baker  
Immediate Past President  
Olam Tikvah Men's Club**

# Full Page Seaboard



## Seaboard Tributes

**Elaine Asa – In honor of Seaboard Region Ma’asim Tovim Hal Freed**

**Cary Feldman – In honor of Incoming FJMC International President**

**Allan Kahan**

**Cary Feldman – In honor of Seaboard Region Ma’asim Tovim Hal Freed**

**Harold Freed – In honor of Incoming FJMC International President**

**Allan Kahan**

**Linda & Ray Gomberg – In honor of Seaboard Region Ma’asim Tovim**

**Hal Freed**

**Judie & Cary Shaich – In honor of Seaboard Region Ma’asim Tovim**

**Hal Freed**

**Temple Israel Men’s Club, Norfolk, VA – In honor of Robert Watts,**

**Outgoing Seaboard Regional President**

# Tri-State



Mike Rosenberg was born in Harrisburg, PA. His family moved to Pittsburgh and joined Beth EI in 1955 when Mike was a young child. He went to religious school, became a bar mitzvah, and continued his religious education through confirmation at Beth EI.

Mike is still an active member of the congregation and Men's Club. He is a regular at Shabbat Services and frequently reads Torah. He is a past president of Beth EI Men's Club. Under his leadership, the club affiliated with FJMC and joined the Tri-State Region. When he was president, Mike implemented FJMC programming most notably, Hebrew Literacy, in which members who didn't know Hebrew learned to read and participate in services. Mike continues to help the

club implement programs such as the recent Hearing Men's Voices, "Let's Talk Fatherhood" in which fathers discussed their role of parenting in their families.

Mike has held the offices of secretary and vice president, before becoming President of the Tri-State Region in 2013. At the regional level, he has been instrumental in planning and organizing retreats, training sessions, and other events. At the international FJMC level, Mike has been Men's Club Shabbat Coordinator, and currently is the Liaison to the Abayudaya Men's Club (AMC) in Uganda. In this role, he helped to facilitate the sale of handcrafted Kippot, he is also working on a project to help the Abayudaya in a business enterprise. Mike is currently serving as Treasurer of the Tri-State Region.

Mike is married to Mary and the father of two daughters, Sarah and Mandy. Mike and Mary met at a Jewish Singles Event through the former B'nai Israel Congregation in Pittsburgh which Mary organized to get single members involved in the congregation. Mike and Mary were married in 1995 and live in Scott Township. Mandy lives in Squirrel Hill and works for the Jewish Federation. Sarah, her husband Zamani, and 2 year old son Logan live in Plymouth Meeting, PA.

Mike is a graduate of Point Park University, and earned a Masters Degree in Education from Duquesne University. He has worked as a special education teacher, customer service and sales representative, in the office products, business forms, and telecommunications industries, and currently is a claims benefits specialist for Aetna Healthcare.

Mike is honored to be selected as Ma'asim Tovim by the Tri-State Region. He continues to stay involved at the club, regional and international level because he sincerely believes in the importance of keeping Judaism alive and relevant in the lives of our members of all ages and backgrounds. He continues to enjoy the camaraderie of FJMC especially in current times when many of us feel isolated, and takes personal satisfaction in helping to further FJMC's mission of involving Jewish Men in Jewish Life.

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### YASHER KOACH



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& OUTGOING TRI-STATE  
PRESIDENT



***IRA MICHAEL  
FRANK***

MEN'S CLUB PRESIDENT  
and to all of our  
INCOMING & OUTGOING  
OFFICERS



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TURKEWITZ***

Who served as our  
BETH SHALOM  
INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



***MICHAEL  
ROSENBERG***

TRI-STATE FJMC  
MA'ASIM TOVIM AWARDEE



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**We wish a hearty Mazel Tov to Jonathan Epstein on his election to President of Jewish Men's Club Tri-State Region. We are so proud that he is part of our family, and we are happy to share his talent and enthusiasm with the Region.**

**The Board of Trustees  
Temple Beth Tzedek**



**Congratulations to our Tri-State Officers  
and Ma'asim Tovim awardee  
Michael Rosenberg**

**Temple Beth El Men's Club  
Rochester, NY**



Mazel Tov Mike Rosenberg for your contributions to Tri-State as our Ma'asim Tovim Honoree.



*Tree of Life*

Yasher Koach to Alex Kiderman and other outgoing officers and Mazel Tov to Jonathan Epstein and other incoming officers.

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***Mazel Tov Our Dear Husband, Father, Brother, and Grandfather***



***Mike Rosenberg***

***Tri-State Region Ma'asim Tovim 2021***

***We're so proud of you for your dedication and commitment to Beth El Men's Club, Tri-State Region, and FJMC***

***Love,***

***Mary, Mandy, Sarah, Zamani, and Logan,  
Sandy and Michael***

**Mazel Tov to Alex Kiderman, outgoing President Tri-State Region 2019-2021, and the outgoing Board.**



**Thanks for all your hard work and dedication during the past 2 years.**

**Yasher Koach to Jonathan Epstein, incoming President Tri-State Region 2021-2023, and the incoming Board.**



**Thank you for stepping up and making the commitment to Our Region.**

**Mike Rosenberg**

# Yasher Koach

Incoming FJMC Vice President &  
Outgoing Tri-State President

*Alex Kiderman*



We are proud of you and  
your many accomplishments

With Love,  
Helen & Alec

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**Ira Fank  
Steve Haberman  
Stephen Neustein**



**Tri-State Region**



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**Warren Sufirin  
Ira Ungar**



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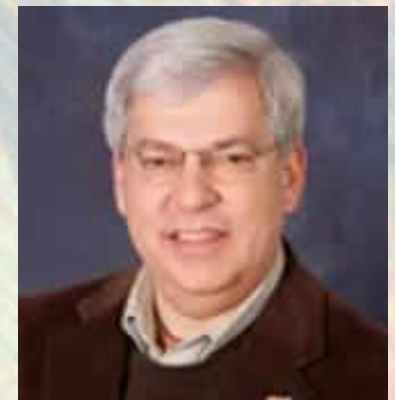
Ma'asim Tovim  
Mike Rosenberg



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Allan Kahan



Outgoing President  
Tom Sudow



President's Award  
Norm Kurtz

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**Beth El Congregation of the South Hills (Pittsburgh)**

**Temple Beth El (Rochester)**

**Beth Shalom (Pittsburgh)**

**Temple Beth Tzedek (Buffalo)**

**Tree of Life \* Or L'Simcha (Pittsburgh)**

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**Tri-State Region**

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Mike Rosenberg  
Ma'asim Tovim  
Tri-State



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Tri-State



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Samuel Miller  
Co-Prez Beth El  
(Rochester)



Ira Frank  
President - Beth  
Shalom (Pgh)



Steve Haberman  
Co-President  
Beth El (Pgh)



Jeremy Broverman  
Co-President  
Beth El (Pgh)



David Lillian  
Co-President  
Tree of Life (Pgh)



Dr. Robert Fierstein  
Co-President  
Tree of Life (Pgh)

# Western



Aren was born in Springfield, MA, to Al and Goldie Horowitz. Their family joke was that they were a typical Conservative Jewish family – Al had been raised as an agnostic Jew, Goldie as an Orthodox Jew, and they met in the middle. By the time Aren became a Bar Mitzvah, his family (now including a younger brother, Noah) had moved to Peabody, MA. Aren was very active in USY as chapter president at Temple Ner Tamid in Peabody, and his love for Jewish youth groups became a theme in his later life.

After graduating from RPI in Troy, NY, with a degree in the then-brand-new field of Computer Science, Aren moved to Arkansas to work for a small computer company with a contract providing computer services to the National Center for Toxicological Research (NCTR). While at NCTR, he met and married Joan.

Aren and Joan soon relocated to the Boston area to work for different computer companies. where they raised their 4 children, Miriam, Simon, Eli and Nathan. They each worked for different computer firms. Settling first in Neeham, MA and then Sharon, MA, they became active in their local Conservative synagogues. When their children became old enough to join USY, Aren chaired the Youth Committee for many years. He also became active in the local FJMC chapter there.

A few years down the road, the family moved again to Albuquerque, New Mexico, to help care for Joan's grandmother. They all became very involved with Congregation B'nai Israel -- teaching in the religious school, leyning and leading services on a regular basis, being regulars in the daily minyan, providing leadership and raising funds so USY members could participate in regional events (which were mostly in California). Aren focused his attention on revitalizing the local Men's Club chapter, bringing it to Quality Club award status.

In addition to working with his local Men's Club chapters, Aren has served on the Board of Western Region of FJMC. Internationally, he has chaired committees, participated at LDI and convention, and for many years, managed the online registration for the biennial convention.

Here are a few of Aren's Regional Accomplishments:

- Created a database of ALL USCJ congregations within the Western Region (and beyond!) with sisterhoods and unaffiliated Men's Clubs. This was a TREASURE trove of information for Regional Membership VPs for YEARS.
- Perennial Ba'al Torah at ALL regional retreats. His presence was a reminder that not only do we have fun, but we can also have fun while engaging in creative and traditional religious services.
- The Western Region's de facto webmaster for at least 10 years.
- A mentor and advocate for geographically isolated Men's Clubs. He was VERY influential in getting clubs in Portland and the Bay Area of California to consider and eventually affiliate.
- Despite his geographic isolation in what regional board members would refer to as "bamidbar", Aren would fly or drive to nearly EVERY regional retreat.
- He actively served as the Admin VP and the Training VP in doing club visitations and training in Portland, Arizona, Los Angeles, and the San Francisco area. For the past 2 years, Aren has recently served as Executive VP.

This quote from Gary Katz, immediate Past Regional President, "Aren is a consummate mensch and the joy he has in mentoring up and coming leaders (like me) is palpable. He has been a guest in my home and I have enjoyed rooming with him at LDI in the past."



## The Western Region Executive Board Honors:

רבי אליעזר אומר, 'הי קבודת חברך  
חביב עליך קשלק'

Rabbi Eliezer said: Let the honor of  
your friend be as dear to you as your  
own. -- Pirke Avot 2:10

### **Aren Horowitz**

Our Ma'Asim Tovim Honoree  
*Truly, one who does good deeds*

#### **Jon Medwin**

Incoming Regional President

#### **Gary S. Katz**

Outgoing Regional President  
International Vice President

### **Benny Sommerfeld**

International Vice President

#### **Allan Kahan**

Incoming International FJMC President

#### **Tom Sudow**

Outgoing International FJMC President

*Kol Hakavod as we go from Strength to Strength!*

*"We achieve greatness by handing over our values onto the next generation and empowering them to go  
and build the future."*

- Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks



## **CONGRATULATIONS**

**TO OUR LEADERS:**

### **TOM SUDOW & ALLAN KAHAN**

**Outgoing and incoming FJMC International Presidents**

### **GARY KATZ & JON MEDWIN**

**Outgoing and Incoming Western Region Presidents**

### **AREN HOROWITZ**

**Western Region 2021 Ma'asim Tovim award winner**

**and**

### **BENNY SOMMERFELD**

**Incoming International Training Vice President**

**WHO STAND AS ONE IN THEIR COMMITMENT TO FJMC.**

**With love, admiration, and deep respect.**



*Mazel Tov and Yashir Koach to our dear friends:*

## **Aren Horowitz**

Western Region Ma'Asim Tovim Awardee

## **Norm Kurtz**

FJMC Presidential Awardee

## **Bruce Tomar**

Mid-Atlantic Region Ma'Asim Tovim Awardee

## **Allan Kahan**

Incoming FJMC International President

## **Tom Sudow**

Outgoing FJMC International President

רבי יוסי אומר, כל המכבד את התורה, גופו מכבד על הבריות.

Rabbi Yose said: whoever honors the Torah is himself honored by others. — Pirkei Avot, 4:6

הוא היה אומר, לא עליך המלאכה לגמר, ולא אתה בן חורין לבטל ממנה.

He [Rabbi Tarfon] used to say: It is not your duty to finish the work, but neither are you at liberty to neglect it. — Pirkei Avot, 2:16

*From your friends in the Western Region,  
Steve Silverstone, Benny Sommerfeld, Gary S. Katz, Jon Medwin,  
Warren Sterling, and Mitch Elovitz*



# CONGREGATION B'NAI SHALOM

Mazel Tov and Yasha Koach to Aren Horowitz for being honored as the FJMC Western Region's 2021 Ma'Assim Tovim Awardee.

Kol HaKovode to Western Region Outgoing President, Dr. Gary Katz, and the entire 2019-2021 Western Region Board of Directors.

Best Wishes and Mazel Tov to Western Region Incoming President, Jon Medwin, and the entire 2021-2023 Western Region Board of Directors.

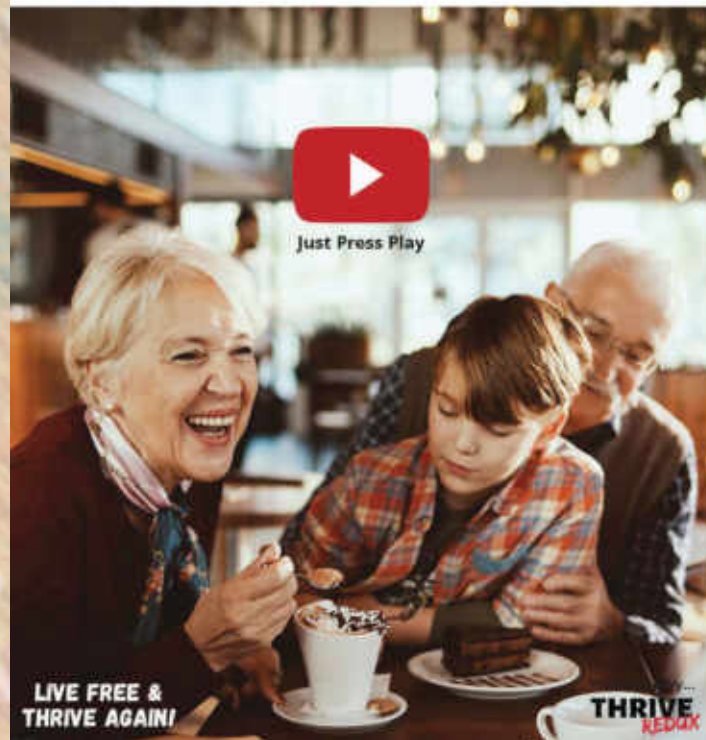
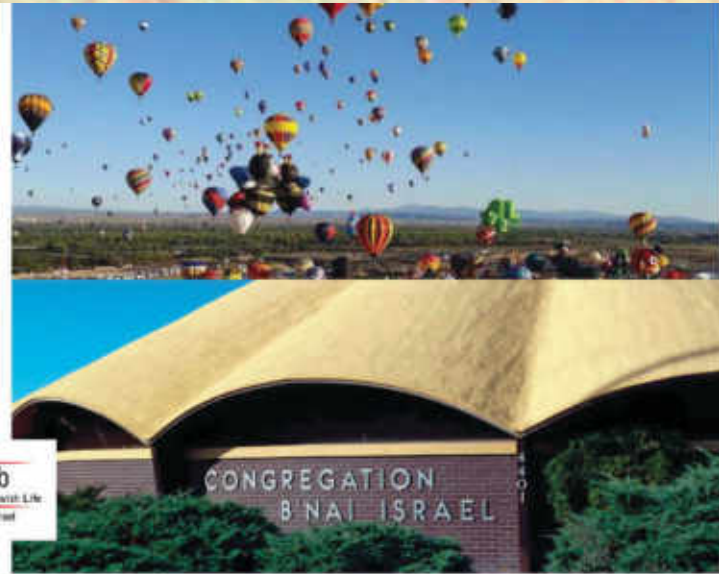
## THANK YOU CBI MEN'S CLUB

Thank you for making it a great two years. I appreciate all that you've done to make our club amazing despite all the closures.

Thank you Aren Horowitz, Brian Stewart, Marty Sherman, Russell Goldstein, Aryeh Stein, Terry Locke, Jesse Kalachman, Bryan Bobrick, Wayne Bobrick (of blessed memory), Jason Goldberg, Tobias Flatow, Ben Kesner, Phil Pickman, Alan Kesner, Larry Golden, Nathan Lopez-Brody, Robert Lewis, Marty Mayo,...

Thank you for letting me serve as your president. I am truly grateful. Shalom.

With Gentleness and Respect,  
Jimmy Tran, Men's Club President  
Congregation B'nai Israel - Albuquerque, NM



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**Or Tzion Men's Club would like to thank and congratulate our club leaders for their service to our club and FJMC.**



**SCOTT VINEBERG**

Or Tzion Men's Club  
President  
2017-2021



**SAM BINDER**

Or Tzion Men's Club  
President  
2021-2023



**KEN MATLICK**

FJMC Executive Committee  
Finance  
2017-2019



**MITCH ROSS**

FJMC Convention  
Programming Committee  
2019-2021

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*Yasher Koach to dear friends in the Western Region  
for your dedication and accomplishments*

*Aren Horowitz - Western Region Ma'asim Tovim Honoree  
Congratulations and Mazel Tov! This honor is very well-deserved.*

*Jon Medwin - incoming Western Region President  
Good luck as Regional President! Looking forward to your leadership.*

*Gary Katz - incoming FJMC Vice President and  
outgoing Western Region President  
Congratulations on being elected to the Executive Committee! This will be an exciting,  
challenging, and fun experience. Thanks for a great job as Regional President.*

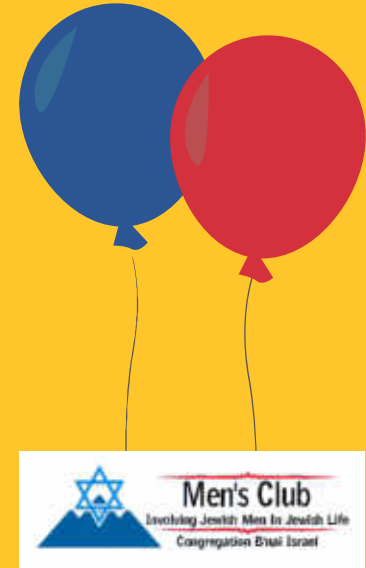
*Benny Sommerfeld -- continuing FJMC Vice President  
Thanks for your hard work! Looking forward to your continued leadership on the EC.*

*May you all go from strength to strength!*

**Myles and Gail Simpson**

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We heard about the big news...



## MA'ASIM TOVIM



THANK YOU FOR YOUR YEARS OF SERVICE TO CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL AND TO OUR MEN'S CLUB - YOUR MENTORING, TORAH READING, ROLLING THE TORAH SCROLL, LATKE FRYING, BEER MAKING/DRINKING, EVENT ORGANIZING, AND SO, SO MUCH MORE - WE APPRECIATE YOU!







# Quality Club Awards

The FJMC Quality Club Award is given each year to member clubs who meet established criteria. The Award was developed to encourage clubs to offer specific types of activities at the local, regional, and international level. The criteria may also be used as a blueprint for a club to follow in planning its yearly programming. The award, an engraved, 15 year, perpetual plaque, is presented in even numbered years at a regional event and in odd numbered years at the FJMC international convention.

## Award Criteria

To qualify for the award, your club must satisfy all six (6) of the required elements, along with at least ten (10) of twenty (20) optional elements (including at least one from each category). Please note that being current with your membership lists and dues payments are essential requirements to achieve the award. Please see the Quality Club Award Criteria page for further details.

## Application Deadline

The deadline for submitting the 2021 Quality Club Award application is Saturday, May 1, 2021. All applications must be received by then to be considered for the award. There are often times that clubs have completed all the criteria, but because they have failed to submit the application, are not considered for the award. Please don't be one of those clubs. Get your applications in on time!!!

We at FJMC believe that every club should receive recognition for the great work that they do in their synagogues and communities. We encourage you to look over the criteria. If your club is functioning well, you have most likely already met many, if not all, of them. If you are deficient in any, there is still plenty of time to add a program to your agenda to fulfill the requirement. Winning the award will bring with it a great sense of accomplishment and pride which will be a tremendous asset to you club.

The QC award may also be used as a programming guide at the beginning of each Men's Club year. There is a tremendous amount of information available about programs which may be used to help fulfill the requirements.

Any questions or comments, please contact the Quality Club Award Committee at [fjmcqualityclubawards@gmail.com](mailto:fjmcqualityclubawards@gmail.com)..

Sincerely,

Mitch Elovitz  
Quality Club Award Chair

# Quality Region Awards

## CLUBACTIVITIES: (Choose any 4)

50% of clubs have registered online for the 2020 and 2021 World Wide Wrap and conducted the 2020 and 2021 Wrap.

50% of clubs have paid their dues in full to the FJMC as of February 28, 2021 and less than 1/3 have prior year (2019-2020 or earlier) past due balances.

50% of clubs have submitted a current and/or updated membership list between June 1, 2020 and May 1, 2021. For your information, dues for the following year are based on the roster detail as of August 31st of each year.

60% of clubs have, within the last year, run any FJMC Program (as listed on fjmc.org)

25% of the clubs sent at least one member to the 2019 Convention.

50% of the clubs have or will be conducting a Men's Club Shabbat June 1, 2019 to May 31, 2021 (Friday night, Saturday morning, or both). Please provide the date.

25% of the clubs won the Quality Club Award (QCA) in 2020 or 2021.

25% of the clubs share calendar and event information with the region and/or other clubs. Please provide the link to the calendar

## REGIONACTIVITIES: (Choose any 6)

Virtual activities after March 1, 2020 qualify

Mandatory: The region has at least one (1) first timer at the 2021 International Convention

Aid clubs by purchasing, organizing, and/or distributing FJMC Shoah Yellow Candles within the last year.

At least 35% of the region's executive board attended Leadership Development Institute (LDI), an FJMC Executive Committee or Board of Directors Meeting since July 1, 2019 and/or the 2019 Convention.

The region conducts(ed) or actively participates(ed) in a regional retreat since the 2019 convention. Please provide the date.

The region has a regular newsletter or other regular communication to the Club Presidents.

The region conducts training sessions other than at retreat for its clubs' leaders within the last 2 years (July 1, 2019 to May 1, 2021) such as a regional LDI.

The region holds a recognition event for regional and club honorees such as a Man and/or Youth of the Year each year. Please provide the date and the type of the last event held.

Has someone in place as of May 1, 2021, to be the next or continuing regional president. (Person does not need to have the formal title of first vice president but must acknowledge his willingness to serve and his name must be submitted to satisfy this requirement.). Please provide the person's name.

Has a written and adopted budget for the 2019-20 or 2020-21 program year. Please attach it.

Has a published calendar of activities for the 2019-20 or 2020-21 program year. Please attach it.

Has an elected FJMC regional officer who is serving on the FJMC Executive Board or actively serving on an International FJMC committee within the last year.

Has active discussions about joining FJMC with at least 1 club not affiliated with FJMC during the region's 2020-21 programming year. Please provide Club name and contact information. This cannot be the same Club more than one application in a row.

The Region has a designated liaison from the Region Board to each club. Please provide list.

Has provided the financial data requested by the FJMC treasurer for fiscal years 2019-20 and 2020-21. For your information, this data is needed by the FJMC in preparation of a Form 990 if requested by the government to provide.

10% of the region clubs have completed the club evaluation form.

Jason Eidlitz and Evan Rumack, co-chairs

# Torch Awards

## What are the Torch Awards?

Torch Awards have been FJMC's way of promoting excellence in club programming for over forty years. Through Torch Awards, FJMC encourages and shares programming ideas with all our clubs. This year, a record 119 applications were submitted by a record 57 clubs, in twenty different categories for programs held during the period April 1, 2019 through April 15, 2021.

Each submission was scored by two judges, neither of which was in the region of the submitting club. Over twenty-five judges from all over FJMC participated. Scoring criteria was published on the FJMC website. Scores within categories were averaged and then compared. The Torch Award committee used these scores, and judgmental considerations of quality, to select the winners. The highest score received a Gold, the next a Silver, and the third a Bronze Award.

This year, for the first time, two awards were also given to regions to encourage them to work with their clubs to submit applications for outstanding programs. Region Participation Awards were awarded to the three regions with the highest percentage of clubs submitting at least one application. Region Overall Torch Awards were awarded to the three regions with the highest weighted number of Torch Awards, where Gold is 3, Silver is 2 and Bronze is 1.

The Torch Award Committee thanks all who submitted applications for torch awards. They have done a great service to FJMC. Winning clubs and regions received Torch Award plaques. Other applicants received Certificates of Appreciation. Winning club applications will be posted on the FJMC Website for all clubs to see and use in their programming. Club who submitted are listed below:

### **Ansh-eh Zafon Region**

Beth Emeth-Bais Yehuda Men's Club, Downsview, ON

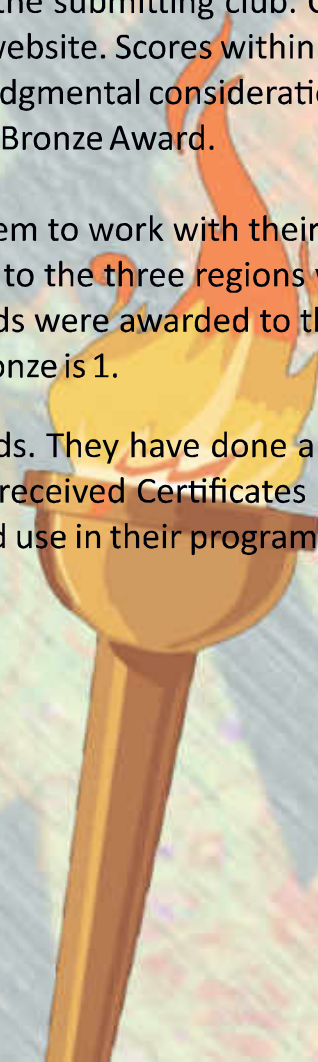
### **Anshei Darom**

Beth Torah Men's Club, Richardson, TX

Etz Chaim Men's Club, Marietta, GA

Greater Knoxville Jewish Men's Club, Knoxville, TN

Temple Israel Men's Club, Charlotte, NC



# Torch Awards - cont'd

## **Connecticut Valley Region**

Beth El Men's Club, Stamford, CT

Beth El Temple Men's Club, West Hartford, CT

Emanuel Synagogue Brotherhood, West Hartford, CT

## **Florida Region**

Beth Shalom Men's Club, Clearwater, FL

Ohev Shalom Men's Club, Maitland, FL

## **Hudson Valley Region**

Nanuet Hebrew Center, New City, NY

## **Kentucky-Indiana-Ohio Region**

Ath Israel Brotherhood, Cincinnati, OH

B'nai Jeshurun Men's Club, Pepper Pike, OH

Northern Hills Synagogue Men's Club, Cincinnati, OH

Park Synagogue, Cleveland, OH

## **Mid-Atlantic Region**

Brothers of Israel Men's Club, Newtown, PA

Ohev Shalom Men's Club, Richboro, PA

South Jersey Men's Club, Cherry Hill, NJ

Temple Sinai Men's Club, Dresher, PA

## **Mid-West Region**

Anshe Emet Men's Club, Chicago, IL

Beth Judea Men's Club, Long Grove, IL

B'nai Amoona Men's Club, St. Louis, MO

Congregation Beth Shalom Men's Club, Northbrook, IL



# Torch Awards - cont'd

Kol Rinah Men's Club, St. Louis, MO  
North Suburban Beth El Men's Club, Highland Park, IL

## **New England Region**

Temple Emunah Brotherhood, Lexington, MA  
Temple Israel of Natick Men's Club, Natick, MA  
Temple Israel of Sharon Brotherhood, Sharon, MA

## **Northern New Jersey Region**

Beth El's Men's Club, South Orange, NJ  
Beth Israel Scotch Plains Men's Club, NJ  
East Brunswick Jewish Center Men's Club, East Brunswick, NJ  
Fair Lawn Jewish Center/Cong. B'nai Israel Men's Progress Club, Fair Lawn, NJ  
Highland Park Temple Men's Club, Highland Park, NJ  
Marlboro Jewish Ctr, Marlboro, NJ  
Temple Beth Ahm Men's Club, Aberdeen, NJ  
Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael Men's Club, Springfield, NJ

## **New York Metro Region**

East Meadow Jewish Center Men's Club, East Meadow, NY  
North Shore Jewish Center, Port Jefferson Station, NY  
Plainview Jewish Ctr, Plainview, NY  
Sutton Place Synagogue Men's Club, New York, NY  
Temple Beth El Men's Club, Cedarhurst, NY

## **Seaboard Region**

B'nai Israel Men's Club, Rockville, MD  
Beth El Men's Club, Baltimore, MD  
Congregation Beth El Men's Club, Bethesda, MD



# Torch Awards - cont'd



Har Shalom Men's Club Potomac, MD  
Olam Tikvah Men's Club, Fairfax, VA  
Share Tikvah, Waldorf, MD  
Share Torah, Gaithersburg, MD  
Temple Israel Men's Club, Norfolk, VA

## Western Region

B'nai Shalom Men's Club, Walnut Creek, CA  
Etz Chaim Men's Club, Thousand Oaks, CA  
Ner Tamid Men's Club, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA  
Neveh Shalom Men's Club, Portland, OR  
Shomrei Torah Men's Club, West Hills, CA  
Temple Aliyah Men's Club, Woodland Hills, CA  
Temple Beth Shalom Men's Club, Long Beach, CA

Many thanks to the 2021 Torch Award Committee for their tireless efforts and outstanding accomplishments. They include:

|                   |               |                   |         |
|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------|
| Hal Freed         | Co-Chairman   | Josh Lisman       | Judge   |
| Colin Pullan      | Co-Chairman   | Danny Mandeau     | Judge   |
| Benny Sommerfeld  | Judging Chair | Marty Melnick     | Judge   |
| Mark Givarz,      | Member        | Dan Moldover      | Judge   |
| Dan Granek,       | Member        | Norwin Merens     | Judge   |
| Charles Bernstein | Judge         | Mitch Ross        | Judge   |
| Alan Budman       | Judge         | Jeff Schulman     | Judge   |
| Paul Davidson     | Judge         | Danny Silverstein | Judge   |
| Stephen Dix       | Judge         | Steve Silverstone | Judge   |
| Bruce Fagan       | Judge         | Stephe Sturman    | Judge   |
| Marc Firestone    | Judge         | Sandy Victor      | Judge   |
| Stan Greenspan    | Judge         | Scott Vineberg    | Judge   |
| Daniel Kimmel     | Judge         | Bob Watts         | Judge   |
| Dave Kravitz      | Judge         | Creighton Cohn    | Advisor |
| Blake Kenett      | Judge         | Jonathan Brodie   | Advisor |







# FJMC FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH LIFE



## Who We Are

### **The purposes for which this Corporation is formed are:**

To support the activities, aims and mission of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, Inc. ("FJMC"), a New York not-for-profit corporation which is recognized as tax exempt by the Internal Revenue Service, and to provide funding for activities that will enhance Jewish life now and in the future. It is intended that FJMC and the Foundation will work together to guide and assist Conservative Jewish men in congregational activities and in community and global service. Through this collaboration, the Foundation will strive to help bring knowledge, understanding, and harmony to the Jewish world and its neighbors.

## Why I'm Involved

When Tom Sudow asked me to join the Foundation for Jewish Life of the FJMC some ten years ago, I proudly said "Yes," as I understood the vital need to support the good works of the FJMC. As I looked back at my years of affiliation with FJMC, I recalled the invaluable help of Rabbi Simon in the re-creation of my own club in the West End Synagogue in Nashville, Tennessee.

We recreated our Men's Club after an absence of over three decades. As we reached out to our congregation with the gift of a Yellow Yom HaShoah candle for all congregants, we began to appreciate the value of the FJMC, and it has continued to support our club and the Anshei Darom Region with valuable programs that enhance our Jewish lives and make us proud to carry on the traditions of the Jewish people. I felt very honored to be a member of the Foundation for Jewish Life, and when the opportunity to help create the Legacy Society was presented, I jumped in with both feet.

Both Ruthi and I recognized that to maintain the good works of the FJMC in perpetuity, the Foundation needed a long-term fundraising vehicle to help establish an endowment that would grow, and at the same time, support the many initiatives of the FJMC.

I am proud to be a founding member of the Legacy Society and to have made a lifetime gift to ensure that the great works of the FJMC continue into the future.

Dr. Eugene and Ruthi Sacks

# FJMC FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH LIFE

## Mission Statement

"Just as my fathers planted for me, so shall I plant for my children" – Babylonian Talmud

Why YOU should become a Partner with the FJMC Foundation for Jewish Life

Since 2003, the Foundation for Jewish Life, Inc., (FJMC Foundation) has been instrumental in partnering with FJMC to bring leadership, innovation, and community to Conservative/Masorti Jewish Men. Our commitment as leaders and as Jewish men is to ensure that the guiding values which make us better fathers, spouses and Menschen continue as a legacy for future generations. Involvement in your men's club, your region and the FJMC is a reflection of that commitment. Your support of the FJMC Foundation transforms your gifts into an Endowment which sustains the FJMC to continue to enrich the lives of Jewish Men.

### LEADERSHIP

The FJMC Foundation for Jewish Life, is committed to addressing men's leadership role in a changing world. We help build future leaders in the Jewish Community by providing training and tools through funding a yearly Leadership Development Institute. We are striving to make the FJMC Foundation for Jewish Life, LDI the premier Men's Jewish leadership development institute in the world.

### INNOVATION

The FJMC Foundation for Jewish Life, provides ongoing funding for grants to our Men's clubs for creative initiatives and programming that can be used by our clubs and regions. Providing financial support is paramount for us to continue to develop innovative programming and initiatives such as, Yellow Candles™, My Family Conversations, Keruv/Intermarriage, Hearing Men's Voices, Minyan of Comfort, etc.

### COMMUNITY

The FJMC Foundation for Jewish Life, builds Community. We build Community by partnering with FJMC to continue forming meaningful long-lasting relationships based on camaraderie, common interests and core values. We bring men together from all over the world to enhance Conservative Judaism and Jewish Life. The years of building these relationships have created something special. Any where you go in the world if you need a friend there will be someone there to help you.

# FJMC FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH LIFE

## How Can You Be Involved?

How you can be a partner with the FJMC Foundation for Jewish Life

### **Become a Fellow-**

You can become a fellow of the FJMC Foundation for Jewish Life, for as little as \$1,000 dollars. Your donation can be distributed/paid for over four years. Gifts over \$10,000 dollars may be self directed. We cherish your gifts but more importantly we cherish each of you as part of our family which will allow the FJMC Foundation for Jewish Life, to make a difference. Help us perpetuate your legacy.

### **Become a Member of the Legacy Society**

Designate a bequest to the FJMC Foundation for Jewish Life, and become a member of our Legacy Society. This is not a request to write a check today, rather it is a commitment to leaving a bequest through a will, a life insurance policy or some type of trust. There are two times you can be remembered after you are gone. The first in passing and the second in leaving a gift to the FJMC Foundation for Jewish Life. No matter how small or large the gift yours and your families memory will live on as a legacy foundation member

Help us secure the FJMC and its ideals and programing for the next generation

They say you "CAN ONLY LIVE ONCE BUT YOU CAN DIE TWICE" Once when you pass and again when your good name is no longer known. With a legacy gift to the FJMC Foundation for Jewish life you can ensure that your name lives on as your gift continues to help Jewish Men live Jewish lives in this rapidly changing world.

For questions or to discuss your gift please contact either me or any of the other FJMC Foundation leaders shown on the Become a Fellow page

**Dr. Gary Smith**  
**Chairman, The FJMC Foundation for Jewish Life**  
**[gsmith@fjmc.org](mailto:gsmith@fjmc.org)**  
**513-602-5161**

# FJMC FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH LIFE

## Imagine Life Initiative

Imagine Life - A Mental Wellness Initiative... Before it is Too Late

Healing of the Body & Mind

FJMC Foundation for Jewish Life and the FJMC are excited to bring to Conservative Judaism a Mental Wellness Initiative.

FJMC has been working diligently with our members, synagogues, and regions to develop ways to bring families together to address anxiety, depression, addiction, and suicide.

With your help we can together develop a program that will help our children, parents, and grandparents gain the resiliency to deal with these serious realities of life.

### ***Our Vision of this initiative is to:***

Develop programming to bring awareness, education and prevention dealing with anxiety, depression, addiction, and suicide in our community. There will be a specific emphasis on guiding parents and grandparents of preschool and elementary age children.

Provide grants and stipends to men's clubs, synagogues, and regions that develop creative and innovative programming addressing awareness, education, and prevention of anxiety, depression, addiction and suicide.

Provide think tanks and educational opportunities for clergy and lay leaders to help their synagogues and men's clubs address Mental Wellness.

Make part of your legacy to your family and community funding this valuable initiative that will help define the future of FJMC.

You can make a difference:

- \$36 helps to provide a grant to a men's club
- \$54 helps provide educational materials for LDI and for convention
- \$108 provides us the ability to build our corpus to supply those grants
- \$250 provides the ability to bring programs to synagogues including yours
- \$1000 or more provides the critical funding for professionally developing new programming.

The FJMC Foundation for Jewish Life thanks you for your generosity and commitment to this new defining initiative. All donations will be applied toward Fellow recognition at \$1000 or more total gifting to this and other FJMC Foundation funded initiatives. We accept PayPal and all major credit cards.

# FRIENDS OF THE FJMC CONTRIBUTORS

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As of April 30, 2021  
Thanks and Shabbat Shalom, Alan

# **FJL FELLOWS**

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## **ABRAHAM FELLOWS**

Abraham Fellows are the patriarchs of the Foundation. Abraham Fellows begins with a *donation of \$25,000* or more.

*Anne Berman, z'l & Fay Tomick, z'l*

## **KING SOLOMON FELLOWS**

As King Solomon was the builder of the Temple, King Solomon Fellows help build the Foundation.

King Solomon Fellows is open to *donors of \$10,000 to \$24,999*.

*Jeffrey Goldberg Foundation*

*Peter Gotlieb*

*Eric & Fern Weis*

## **JOSHUA FELLOWS**

Joshua led the Jewish people into the Promised Land. Joshua Fellows help lead the Foundation's development.

Joshua Fellows is open to *donors of \$5,000 to \$9,999*.

*Robert Braitman*

*Dr. Stephen Davidoff, z'l*

*Lillian and Richard Gray*

*Dr. Steve and Heidi Mandel*

*Leah & Gary Smith Family Foundation*

*Barry Wolfe*

## **HENANI FELLOWS**

When God called to Abraham he answered "Henani – Here I am!"

This is your opportunity to answer. Henani Fellows is open to

*donors of \$2,500 to \$4,999*.

*Burton (Captain Ruach) Fischman, z'l*

*Beth Shalom Men's Club, Elkins Park Pa*

*Midwest Region FJMC*

*New York Metro Region FJMC*

*Stephen A. & Arlene Neustein*

# **FJL FELLOWS** (CONT)

*Sylvia And Harold Nissen  
David Rose Memorial Fund  
Jeffrey & Elyse Schulman  
Myles Simpson & Family  
Daniel & Shiela Stern*

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Founders are open to donors of \$1,000 to \$2,499.

*Elayne, z'l & Aaron Altman*

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*Arthur Bruckman, z'l*

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*Jack & Nora Dinsfriend*

*Stephen Dix*

*Paul Drowos*

*Ken Elfand*

*Jerry Feldman*

*Ira Frost*

*Leonard Gimbel z'l*

*Mark Givarz*

*David S. Goldberg*

*Max Goldberg z'l*

*Dan Granek*

*Abraham Greenberg*

*David Heritch*

*Joseph Herschberg*

*In Memory of I. Murray Jacobs*

*John Kelman*

*Susan And Ed Kochman*

*Barton Kogan*

*Norman I. Kurtz*

*Irving Laker z'l*

*Bob Levine*

*In Memory of Gil Linder*

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*Mitchell Ross*

*In memory of Mary Simon*

*Warren & Adele Sufrin*

*Sandy Victor*

*Steve Silverstone*

*Bob & Linda Watts*

*Doug Segerman*

*Mark Rosenson*

*Kenneth Turkewitz*

*Alan Budman*

*Karl Rubin*







## **Double Chai**

**Kol HaKavod Ben!  
Our Men's Club is back  
- thanks to you.  
Mazel Tov!**

**The Men's Club of Congregation Rodeph Sholom**

**In Honor of**

**Dr. Moshe Adler**

**Lyn & Joseph Herman**

# Double Chai Page

CONGRATULATIONS TO KARL RUBIN ON YOUR TWO YEARS AS KIO+ REGIONAL PRESIDENT. YOU ARE AN AMAZING SOURCE OF LEADERSHIP AND INSPIRATION TO YOUR REGION. WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT YOU DO NEXT



Mike Mills  
Tom Sudow  
Dale Levy  
Mark Rosenson  
Danny Silverstein  
Josh Lisman  
The Agudas Achim Brotherhood  
Park Synagogue Mens Club

Gary Smith  
Michael Steinbuch  
Doug Segerman  
Henry Mentle  
Joel Kling  
The Adath Israel Brotherhood  
The Tifereth Israel Mens Club

CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. DALE LEVY ON BEING THE PRESIDENT OF THE KIO+ REGION. WE KNOW THAT YOU WILL LEAD US TO GREAT HEIGHTS.



Mike Mills  
Tom Sudow  
Karl Rubin  
Mark Rosenson  
Danny Silverstein  
Joel Kling  
The Agudas Achim Brotherhood  
Park Synagogue Mens Club

Gary Smith  
Michael Steinbuch  
Doug Segerman  
Henry Mentle  
Josh Lisman  
The Adath Israel Brotherhood  
The Tifereth Israel Mens Club  
Josh Lisman

# Double Chai Page - KIO

CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. GARY SMITH FOR THE TREMENDOUS LEADERSHIP THAT YOU HAVE PROVIDED AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH LIFE.



Mike Mills  
Tom Sudow  
Karl Rubin  
Mark Rosenson  
Joel Kling  
Danny Silverstein  
The Agudas Achim Brotherhood  
Park Synagogue Mens Club

Dr. Dale Levy  
Michael Steinbuch  
Doug Segerman  
Henry Mentle  
Josh Lisman

The Tifereth Israel Mens Club  
The Adath Israel Brotherhood

CONGRATULATIONS TO JOEL KLING ON BEING HONORED AS A RECIPIENT OF THE MA'ASIM TOVIM AWARD FROM YOUR FRIENDS AT ADATH ISRAEL

Hamilton Lempert  
Howard Goldwasser  
Perry Pitzele  
Brett Leonard  
Adath Israel Men's Club  
Josh Lisman

Bob Sugerman  
Adath Israel Synagogue  
Gary Smith  
Mike Mills  
Mike Wiseman  
Henry Mentle

# Double Chai Page - KIO

## CONGRATULATIONS TO KARL RUBIN FOR YOUR WONDERFUL 2 YEARS AS PRESIDENT OF THE KIO REGION

Larry Smith and Andrea Applegate  
Doug Segerman and Shana Raisman  
William Chronister  
Warren and Adele Sufrin

Carl and Susan Seletz  
Michael Sobul  
Joe and Ruth Sniderman

## CONGRATULATIONS TO DALE LEVY ON BEING THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE KIO REGION

Larry Smith and Andrea Applegate  
Doug Segerman and Shana Raisman  
William Chronister  
Warren and Adele Sufrin

Carl and Susan Seletz  
Michael Sobul  
Joe and Ruth Sniderman

# Double Chai Page - KIO

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALLAN KAHAN ON BECOMING THE INTERNATIONAL  
PRESIDENT OF THE FJMC – WE KNOW YOU ARE GOING TO DO GREAT THINGS

Mike Mills  
Tom Sudow  
Karl Rubin  
Mark Rosenson  
Dale Levy  
Joel Kling  
The Agudas Achim Brotherhood  
Park Synagogue Mens Club

Gary Smith  
Michael Steinbuch  
Doug Segerman  
Henry Mentle  
Josh Lisman  
The Adath Israel Brotherhood  
The Tifereth Israel Mens Club

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALAN BUDMAN ON BECOMING THE FIRST VICE  
PRESIDENT OF THE FJMC – WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT YOUR CONTINUED  
LEADERSHIP OF THE FJMC

Mike Mills  
Tom Sudow  
Karl Rubin  
Mark Rosenson  
Joel Kling  
The Adath Israel Brotherhood  
The Agudas Achim Brotherhood  
Park Synagogue Mens Club

Gary Smith  
Michael Steinbuch  
Doug Segerman  
Henry Mentle  
Dale Levy  
Josh Lisman  
The Tifereth Israel Mens Club

# Midwest - Double Chai

## CONGRATULATIONS

to two of the finest and most accomplished men  
of the Midwest Region

**Norm Kurtz**

receiving the FJMC Presidents Award and

**Norwin Merens**

the Midwest Regions Ma'asim Tovim Honoree

Gerry and Mimi Brin

## MAZEL TOV

Norwin Merens - Midwest Man of the Year  
A well deserved honor to a dedicated person.

Allan Kahan – Incoming International President

All In coming International Officers and Board of Directors

Congratulations and best wishes for a viable, successful term.

JERRY AGREST

# Double Chai

*Yasher Koach*

To

**FJMC**

*the incoming and outgoing officers and all award recipients.*

*Mazel Tov*

*Stephe Sturman*



THE KIO REGION CONGRATULATES

NORM KURTZ

ON HIS WELL-DESERVED PRESIDENT'S AWARD  
YOU HAVE HAD A TREMENDOUS IMPACT ON THE FJMC

AND ALL THAT HAVE KNOWN YOU.

MAZAL TOV!!!!!!





# Double Chai - New England



Mazel Tov

**David Singer**

New England Region

2021  
**Ma'asim Tovim**

May You Go  
From Strength To Strength

*Mo and Lisa Diamant*

**David Singer**

**Mazel Tov on this well-deserved honor.**

**We love you very much for all you do  
for your community and family.**

**Love, Randy, Noah and Daniel**

# Double Chai - New England

יְפוֹת פְּנִיִּים בְּסִבֵּר הָאָדָם

"Say little and do much; and receive everyone  
with a pleasant countenance" (Pirkei Avot 1:15)  
With great love and pride, we wish David Singer  
Kol Hakavod

Andria and Joel Eisen  
Michael Singer

David Singer  
You make a difference  
wherever you go  
L'Chiam,  
Richard Gray

# Double Chai

Kol Hakavod David,  
You've done it all for our club and NERFJMC!  
TI of Natick Men's Club



**YASHER KOACH**

**HARVEY HERSHKOWITZ**

**NNJR 2021 Ma'asim Tovim Honoree**

*and* **NORM KURTZ**

**2021 President's Award Recipient**



**You make us Jersey proud**  
*Rob & Jerri Blitzer*

# Double Chai

בן עזאי: הריץ למסעדה קלה  
פרקי אבות ד:ב

Ben Azzai said:  
Run to perform even a minor mitzvah...  
Pirkei Avot 4:2

We congratulate Harvey Hershkowitz, NNJR's  
Ma'asim Tovim Award recipient this year!



*Harvey, you exemplify gemilut hasidim. Your tireless work on behalf of CAI, Israel, FJMC, NNJR and the Jewish people of Medinat HaGan has not gone unnoticed.*

*Yasher Koach on being NNJR's Ma'asim Tovim honoree!*

- Eric and Fern Weis

**fjmc**  
ALWAYS CONNECTED

# Double Chai

The CAI Thursday Night Poker Group  
Congratulates Our Friend

**Harvey Hershkowitz**

On Receiving the Prestigious FJMC  
2021 Ma'asim Tovim Honor

Mel Berkowitz

Arthur Bocian

Howard Levine

Ken Levitt

Howard Rabner

Larry Raiken

Les Schlanger

*Congratulations to Honorees*

**Congregation Beth Ohr Men's Club**  
Old Bridge, NJ

# Chai



In Loving memory of

***Bart Bookman***

*Friend, Teacher, Mentor and Leader*

*The Bart Bookman Educational Fund has  
been established to continue his fine legacy*

*May his memory be a blessing*

**UNCLE MOSHE,**

**WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!**

**MAZEL TOV!**

**ALL OUR LOVE,  
EMILY & JEREMY**

*Mazel Tov, Moshe*

*on a most well deserved honor  
for all you do, and have done,  
for our Temple Beth El*

*Todah Rabah  
Chuck Blitstein*

# Chai



*Adath Israel Congregation*

Adath Israel Congregation  
Wishes

**GEORGE NADAS**

A hearty Yasher Koach on being chosen as the  
Lake Ontario Region Ma'asim Tovim Honouree.

Thank you for all the years of hard work and  
dedication that you have shown to our Brotherhood.

Mazel Tov!

*May you go from Strength to Strength*

**Dr. Benjamin Schultz**

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**YOU DESERVE IT**

**Betsy & Jeffrey Hoos DMD**

**With Pride We Honor  
BEN SCHULTZ  
for his ongoing efforts and impact  
on our Men's Club  
and for all his accomplishments  
that earned him the  
Ma'asim Tovim Award.**

**Congregation Rodeph Sholom**

**The Sosensky Law Firm, a mostly  
general practice, in New Haven, CT  
is a proud supporter of  
FJMC and its 2021 Taste of Convention**

**Mazel Tov to Ben Schultz  
the CT Valley Region Ma'asim Tovim and  
all individual, Club, and Region awardees,**

**Thanks to all outgoing officers,  
Best of Luck to all incoming officers &  
Yasher Koach to FJMC on another fine  
International Convention!**

# Chai - Florida

**Congratulations to  
Moshe Adler,**

**Ma'Asim Tovim of Florida 2021**

**from your friends of 50 years,**

**Mark and Diane Schleifstein**

**Shir Chadash Congregation, Metairie LA.**

**An Award to a truly deserving person**

**Congratulations  
Moshe Adler**

**With Much Love,  
Dana and Steve Yeckes**

**Mazal Tov to**

**Moshe Adler**

**On well deserved honor**

**From Alla and Peter Weisz**

MAZAL TOV ON A MUCH  
DESERVED HONOR. MAY YOU  
CONTINUE ALL YOUR  
"MAASIM TOVIM" FOR  
MANY YEARS TO COME.

FROM YOUR BROTHER'S FAMILY  
WITH MUCH LOVE,

CANTOR BENJAMIN ADLER &  
JUDITH HALL;

AVI & DORINA ADLER, HANNAH & JULIA;

JEREMY & EMILY ADLER;

ADAM ADLER & JOANIE TWERSKY, ORI



# Chai

**Best Wishes  
to  
Moshe Adler  
our Co- President**

**Barbara & Peter Seideman**

Moshe Adler is one of the  
kindest gentlest and  
hard working individuals  
we have ever met.

It is an honor to know him.

**Bob & Faith Krasnow**

**Congratulations  
Moshe**

**Regards  
Jill & Hal Weiss**

**Congratulations to  
Moshe  
a Mensch of a Man**

**Louis & Ilene Silber**

# Chai

**Moshe,  
Mazal Tov -**

**Thank you for your participation  
and all your contributions  
to the Region.  
May you go from  
strength to strength.**

**Men's Club of Temple Torat Emet**

**Congratulations**

**MOSHE ADLER**

**on being awarded the**

***2021 Ma'sim Tovim Award!***

Your friends and partners at The Club of BTC



**In deep gratitude  
for all of your years  
of devoted work  
for our Temple.**

**Phyllis & Jeffery Penner**

**We congratulate Jason Eidlitz,**

**our Hudson Valley Region**

**Ma'asim Tovim Honoree,**

**our outgoing and incoming**

**Region Presidents –**

**Javier Rosenzwaig and Stephe Sturman,**

**and our other HVR officers.**

**Eric Litvak,**

**New City Jewish Center, New City, NY**

# Chai



**Mazel Tov  
Karl Rubin**  
for a job well done!

Immediate Past President KIO



**Mazel Tov Joel Kling**  
for a job well done!  
KIO Ma'asim Tovim



**Congratulations KIO**  
**for a job well done!**  
*Regional Quality Club*



**Congratulations**  
**Tom Sudow**  
for a job well done!  
President of FJMC

# Chai - New England

Mazel Tov and Yasher Koach to

**David Singer**

**on receiving the 2021 Ma'asim Tovim  
award from the New England Region.**

Thank you for your leadership in bringing  
mindfulness to our FJMC community.

Eric Yegelwel

**Mazel Tov David!**

**You have inspired and guided  
so many leaders of our  
Temple Israel of Natick Men's Club**

**Jay Salinger  
Adam Wilen  
Dan Zwelling**

**MAZAL TOV TO NEW ENGLAND'S  
MAASIM TOVIM HONOREE**

**DAVID SINGER**

**A WELL DESERVED HONOR  
KOL HAKAOVD!**

**BOB BRAITMAN**

Congratulations and well-earned,

**David**

we're very proud of you.

Aunt Marsha and  
Cousins Steven & Karen,  
Sharon & Steve, and Debbi & David

# Chai

Mazel Tov and Yasher Koach to

**Norwin Merens**

**for receiving the 2021 Ma'asim Tovim  
Award from the Midwest Region**

A well deserved honor!

Eric Yegelwel

**MAZEL TOV**

To Our Good Friend

**Norwin Merens**  
Ma'asim Tovim Honoree  
Midwest Region An Honor

Well-Deserved

Marylyn and Howard Minkoff

Men's Club of Temple Ner Tamid  
would like to wish  
Mazel Tov & Yasher Koach  
to

**David Singer**

for being selected for the

**2021 Ma'asim Tovim Award**

David is the son-in-law of our  
TNT Men's Club  
Past President Len Mulsman z"l



Temple Ner Tamid  
of the North Shore



TO OUR DEAR FRIEND NORM KURTZ

FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE OVER THE  
YEARS TO STRENGTHEN THE FJMC AND  
HELP MAKE IT THE AMAZING  
ORGANIZATION THAT IT IS...

מזל טוב וישר כח

ON YOUR WELL-DESERVED HONOR AS ONE  
OF THE FEW RECIPIENTS OF THE

**FJMC PRESIDENTIAL AWARD**

MAY YOU CONTINUE TO GO FROM  
STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

YOURS IN BROTHERHOOD,

ELLIOTT BROWN

# Chai

Mazel Tov and Yasher Koach to  
NNJR's Maasim Tovim Awardee,

**Harvey Hershkowitz!**

We will keep in mind your strong role model  
as we guide NNJR from strength to strength.

NNJR Executive Officers, 2021-2022

**Congratulations to  
Harvey Hershkowitz,**

**our very special NNJR**

**Ma'asimTovim Award honoree,**

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**Proud to call you both brother and friend.**

**Congratulations  
To my Brother**

**Norm Kurtz**

**For the honor of receiving  
FJMC's President's Award  
Your contributions to  
your club, region, and  
FJMC are legendary**

**We love you.  
Joel and Debbie**

**Congratulations to  
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**Kol Tuv,  
Peter Gotlieb**

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TO OUR GOOD FRIEND

**HARVEY HERSHKOWITZ**

מזל טוב וישר כח

ON YOUR WELL-DESERVED HONOR AS THE  
NORTHERN NEW JERSEY REGION'S

MA'ASIM TOVIM AWARD RECIPIENT

WE ARE THRILLED TO BE ABLE TO SHARE  
THIS WONDERFUL MILESTONE WITH YOU.

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*Ma'Asim Tovim Award from the Seaboard Region*



**FROM YOUR HAR SHALOM FAMILY**

**Yasher Koach to a true mensch -  
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Well deserved!**

**The Broverman Family**

Mazel Tov to Moshe Adler-thank you!  
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**Mazel Tov  
Ben Schultz  
On receiving the  
Ma'Asim Tovim Award  
Don & Regina Miller**

# Business Card

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| <p><b>Congratulations Moshe!</b><br/><br/><b>From Sue &amp; Art Smith</b></p>                                                                                   | <p>Moshe, Mazel Tov<br/>congratulations on<br/>on a much deserved award</p> <p>Allen &amp; Lesie Rosenblum</p>                                                                                                    |
| <p><b>Congratulations Moshe</b><br/><br/><b>Sue E Smith</b></p>                                                                                                 | <p>Mazel Tov and Kol HaKavod to<br/><b>David Singer, NER Ma'asim Tovim 2021</b><br/>A well deserved honor!<br/>Rick Kramer and Sara Shapiro</p>                                                                   |
| <p>A hearty Mazel Tov<br/>and Yasher Koach to David Singer.</p> <p>You are a true leader, visionary<br/>and a real Mensch,</p> <p>Marcia and Elliot Feldman</p> | <p>To Allan Kahan, Pres., FJMC</p> <p>A well-deserved honor and<br/>An awesome assignment</p> <p>Susan &amp; Lenny; Seth &amp; Tali; Matthew &amp;<br/>Andreea; Ben &amp; Jill Merewitz &amp; 7 grandchildren</p> |



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| <p><b>Congratulations<br/>Allan Kahan!</b></p> <p><b>Eric and Cindy Abel</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  <p>TELEPHONE: (561) 686-8202</p> <p><b>JOHN H. MERY, M.D., P.A.</b></p> <p>DISEASES &amp; SURGERY OF THE EYE</p> <p>5405 Okeechobee Blvd., Suite 302-B<br/>West Palm Beach, FL 33417</p> |
| <p><b>To David Singer<br/>Best wishes on this great honor.</b></p> <p><b>Kurt and Sue Linden</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <p><b>Mazal tov to Benji for this<br/>well deserved<br/>award and to all the honorees!<br/>Kol HaKavod!</b></p> <p><b>Lisa and Bill Rappoport</b></p>                                                                                                                        |
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# Supporters

## President's Award

Mazel Tov! - The Gluck Family  
Kitty & Bruce Hoffman  
Arnold & Flora Lurie  
Congratulations Norm - Phyllis Faber  
Mazel Tov! Judi, Ken, Ben and Meredith  
Halperin  
Dr. Arthur Flug  
Congratulations Allan on your becoming  
international president of FJMC  
- Merna & Mel Stern  
Todd Lebowitz  
Allan, very proud of you. Mazel Tov.  
Sarah Marks  
Mazel Tov, Allan. From Joel, Vicki, Isaac, and  
Elliot Marks  
Faye & Jose Nunez wish our dear friend,  
Allan Kahan, yasher koach

## Anshei Darom - Meir Niad

Scott Checkoway

## CT Valley - Ben Schultz

Carol S. Weinshel  
Ben makes our family proud! -  
Marion H Bauer & Schultz Family  
Congratulations, Ben Schultz!! Love, Chyai  
and Jackie  
Mazel Tov from the Leb-Martin family

## Florida - Dr. Moshe Adler

Lisa S. Weissman  
Ludwig Silbermann  
The Kadin Family  
Mark Bruce Greenspan

In honor of Dr. Moshe Adler--Rabbi Alan &  
Linda Cohen  
Mazal tov, Moshe! Yasher koach.  
The Brotherhood of Congregation Kol Ami  
Arnold and Flora Lurie  
Elliott Davis  
Helene & Shelly Newman  
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Mazel Tov Moshe, Lisa, Jordan, Chloe Noah  
Meyerson  
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## Hudson Valley - Jason Eidlitz

Mazel Tov to Jason Eidlitz from Morton and  
Jean Hertz. May you go from strength to  
strength

## New England - David Singer

Ronald S Balk  
Mazel Tov, David! What a wonderful  
accomplishment! Love, Laurie, Jon, Rachel  
and Joel  
Mazel Tov David Singer -Thank you for all you  
do! Kol Hakavod - Rabbi Richard & Kit

Perlman  
A well deserved honor - Morey Waltuck  
Mazel Tov - Michael, Rochelle, Jessica,  
Jaclyn Lerner  
Congratulations David on being this year's  
Ma'asim Tovim recipient for the NER!  
- Randi and Steve Baturin  
Mazel Tov, David! Truly deserved. Thank you  
for your leadership and encouragement.  
Steve Broder  
Marjorie Kurtzman  
Mazel-Tov David! Danny M  
David - an honor so well deserved and earned  
with thoughtfulness, grace and deep caring.  
Paula Levine  
Mazel Tov, David. You are very dedicated to  
FJMC and TI Men's Club and appreciate  
everything you do for our community.  
Bonnie, Ben, Justin, Noah, and Sasha Linden  
David, Yasher Koach on being honored as NER  
Ma'asim Tovim...Arnie Miller

## NNJ - Harvey Hershkowitz

Lance Adelson  
David Julis  
David Glass

## Western - Aren Horowitz

Norman Katz

# Save the Date

**SAVE THE DATE because WE MISS YOU!**

**The Virtual Convention is outstanding but nothing beats being together.**

**WE ARE HAVING A FJMC Shabbaton/Retreat!!**

**When: March 31- April 3, 2022.**

**Where: The American Jewish University in Los Angeles, California**



**Much more details to come.**

**See you live in sunny California next Spring!**

**Danny Mandeau  
Chairman of the 2022 FJMC Shabbaton/Retreat.**



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