



The Communicator

Spring 2013

MAN OF THE YEAR 2013 A BIG SUCCESS!



The FJMC Midwest Region Man Of The Year Events were held February 17th for Chicago and Milwaukee and March 17th for St. Louis. Both events were well attended and honored very deserving members of our Men's Clubs. The Chicago/Milwaukee event also featured a successful auction to help fund our FJMC Midwest Region activities. More coverage inside.

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Come to Convention 2013 – One and All

If you have never been to the FJMC International Convention you have missed one of the items on your “Bucket List”.

- It is like our Regional Retreat on “steroids”.
- It is 5 days of non-stop **learning, spirituality, camaraderie and FUN !**

Ok, now that I have all of you excited, let me give you more of the details:

- **Training** – Lots of informative sessions related to improving your Men’s Club, Being a better Jew and a better person.
 - Special sessions for new and upcoming Men’s Club leaders
 - Networking with fellow Club and Regional leaders
 - Benchmarking other clubs- get new insights and ideas
- **Program Fair**- Successful programs from all Regions that you can take back and use in your own synagogue, club and community.
- **Wellness** – issues on how to improve and maintain your personal health and daily fitness activities.
- **Wealth Management** – (new this Convention) - building and maintaining your financial assets and fiscal health
- **Awards** – Quality Club –for best practices at the Club level.
 - Torch – for outstanding and special programs by the Clubs
 - Ma’asim Tovim – given to individuals from each Region who are “doers of good deeds” and outstanding contributors to their synagogues and communities
- **Women’s Programming** – the wives will be busy on Thursday and Friday visiting the historic Boston/Freedom Trail, Salem and the Museum of Fine Arts
- **Spirituality** – Kabalat Shabbat – an energizing service not to be missed!
 - Shabbat morning- special interpretive and traditional services
 - Havdalah- the moving culmination of the day’s celebration of Shabbat
- **Camaraderie** - Greeting many of your old friends and making lots of new ones.
 - Sharing your own personal experiences of Men’s Club and learning about and from others.
- **Fun** – Even with all of these activities, we still have time to party, with Regional gatherings on Wednesday night and free time over the course of the 5 days of Convention to relax and indulge.



The experience that comes from going to Convention is something, I promise you, is one that you will not forget and you will go back home spiritually and intellectually energized with a renewed interest in the success of your Men’s Club.

You can register for Convention at www.FJMC.org/Convention (under the activities category) and don’t forget to request the automatic discounts for repeaters (\$200), first timers (\$300) and Club Presidents (\$400).

I look forward to seeing all of you in Boston on July 24th thru the 28th . B’Shalom Shelly

MAN OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO/MILWAUKEE — February 17, 2013



Standing left to right: Jordan Atinsky (Beth Israel Ner Tamid), Jonathan Norton (Ansche Emet), Scott Frankel (Har Zion) and Shelly Pike (Midwest Region President).

Seated left to right: Eric Yegel (Beth Judea), Lee Bloom (Beth Hillel), Abe Drayer (Beth Shalom), and Robert Freeman (Beth El)

Sunday brunch hit the spot and so did all of these deserving honorees. The auction helped raise funds for the Midwest Region's activities, including partial sponsorship for Midwest club members attending the FJMC annual convention in Boston, Ma. to be held on July 24th to July 28th, 2013.



Man of The Year March 17, 2013 St. Louis Clubs



From the St. Louis Men's Clubs, two men were honored at a luncheon in the St. Louis area on Sunday, March 17th

Left to Right:

Ed Herzog, B'nai Amoona Men's Club President, Al Finkelstein, B'nai Amoona Men's Club Man of the Year, Mitch Shenker, Shaare Zedek Men's Club Man of the Year, Bob Olshan, Shaare Zedek Men's Club President

**MAN OF THE YEAR AD BOOK 2013**

Eric Yegelwel

We wish you a well deserved

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Merle & Evan Rumack

Mazel tov

to

~ Rob Freeman ~

*NSS Beth El Men's Club
Man of the Year*



*from
Ira and Elise Frost*

Due to an unfortunate oversight some ads didn't make their way into this year's ad book. We are publishing them here to help make up for that. Please make note of these honorees and the people who honor them!



MAN OF THE YEAR AD BOOK 2013

**Our Friend
Rob Freeman
Rocks!**

Andrew & Gail Brown



MAN OF THE YEAR AD BOOK 2013

**Mazal Tov to Robert
for a well-deserved honor.**



Rob is an inspiration
to his family and friends.

We are very proud of his accomplishments!

Grandma Bev Eisenstadt

North Suburban Synagogue Beth El Men's Club

Mazel Tov to Our Man of the Year

Rob Freeman

Phil and Doreen Feitelberg

Mazal Tov

to

Robert Freeman

On being named Man of the Year

With all our love,

The Eisenstadt Family

Susan, Paul, Ryan, Claire, J. Aryn



FJMC CONVENTION JULY 24-28, 2013



The poster features the FJMC logo at the top left, followed by the text "Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs". Below this is the large, bold text "fjmc INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION 2013". The year "2013" is particularly prominent. A stylized graphic of a map of North America is overlaid on a grid background. Three purple arrows point upwards from the bottom left towards the center: "LEADERSHIP" (top), "INNOVATION" (middle), and "COMMUNITY" (bottom). A red star is located near the top right of the map. At the bottom, the slogan "Conservative/Masorti Men at the Crossroads: Responding to a Changing World" is written in a serif font, followed by the dates "July 24-28, 2013" and the location "DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Boston North Shore Danvers, Massachusetts".

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Dan Chudnow made a presentation on Israel's National Park, Timna located north of Timna Park, [located some 25 km](#) (about 17 miles) north of Eilat, combines beautiful scenery with special antiquities and history and a variety of [activities the whole family](#) will enjoy. The horseshoe-shaped valley covers some 60,000 dunams (15,000 acres) and is surrounded by steep cliffs. In the center is Mount Timna, 453 m (about 1500 ft) above sea level. [Timna Valley](#) is a geological window revealing a variety of minerals including copper, iron and manganese.

Timna is the site of the world's first copper mine. Thousands of ancient mining shafts can be seen throughout the park as well as remains of smelting furnaces dating back to ancient imperial Egypt. Copper was the first metal used to create work and household tools, weapons, costly ornaments and cultic objects. You'll thrill at the stories of Hathor, the goddess of copper, and the deified Pharaoh Ramses. You'll find remnants of Egyptian mythology and fascinating history. The multimedia presentation "[The Mines of Time](#)" brings these stories alive, and explains copper-mining from ancient Egyptian times to the present day.



Dan Chudnow with Rodney Ugent



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You'll also see exciting finds at the [Temple of Hathor](#) near the spectacular [Solomon's Pillars](#), at the [Mushroom](#), the impressive [Arches](#), and of course, the ancient rock-drawings depicting hunters of ostriches and ibexes, Egyptian battle chariots and other images.

Timna Park is outstanding in its variety of scenic, geological and archaeological sites of global significance. Its acacia trees and other arid-land vegetation, its herds of wild ibex looking out at you from the cliff tops, and its evidence of human activity from antiquity to the present all make Timna Park an incomparable visitor magnet. Various activities await you, including [pedal boats](#) on the [lake](#), [colored sand bottle craft](#), making "King Solomon's stamps" and much more – fun for kids and grownups alike. You'll also enjoy the delicacies at [King Solomon's Khan restaurant](#), a [souvenir shop](#) and [overnight campgrounds](#).

Timna Park was jointly developed by [Keren Kayemeth Leisrael](#), The Eilot Region Economic and Tourism Development Corporation and the Jewish National Fund – United States and the Chudnow family from Milwaukee, Wisc., USA.

Dan's father was instrumental in the creation of a man made lake which offers water sports at the park. He started the drive to create the lake and was instrumental in the fund raising efforts.

Over 120,000 people visit the 60 square mile park. Besides the lake, hiking, and scenery similar to Monument Valley Utah and Arches National Park, there is wild life such as antelope, lizards etc. There is a Balloon festival during sukkot and evening light shows.

An new international airport is being constructed close to the park and will open in 2014.

Website is: <http://www.parktimna.co.il/>



Around the Region



120th
Anniversary

Lifelong Learning

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Meaningful Observance



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In celebration of Congregation Kneseth Israel's 120th Anniversary, and co-presented with the Elgin Community College Arts Center, we are pleased to announce a special comedy performance by Robert Klein!

For over 40 years, Robert Klein has entertained audiences on Broadway, television and film. An alumnus of *Second City* in Chicago, Klein was the first comedian to film an HBO Special and has made a total of nine special appearances for that network!

He has appeared on *The Tonight Show* and *The Late Show with David Letterman* over 100 times and can be seen in films such as *The Owl and the Pussycat*, *Primary Colors* and *Radioland Murders*.

Dinner Information:
Dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m. in ECC's Spartan Terrace Restaurant and will be prepared by their award-winning Culinary Arts & Hospitality Program chefs. It will include 3 courses and wine.

Sunday, April 21, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

ECC Blizzard Theatre

Tickets: \$39.00 / \$35.00

Pre-show Dinner: \$35.00



Don't miss this master of stand-up comedy!

For Tickets:

Call the ECC Arts Center Box Office at (847) 622-0300 or go online to tickets.elgin.edu. Box Office hours are Monday - Thursday from Noon to 7:00 p.m. and Friday - Saturday from Noon to 5:00 p.m.

Robert Klein Event Location:
Elgin Community College Arts Center, Blizzard Theatre, 1700 Spartan Drive, Building H, Elgin, IL 60123



Around the Region

GOLFERS TAKE NOTE

North Suburban Synagogue Men's Club Golf League



The NSS Beth El Men's Club Wednesday 9 Hole Twilight Golf League will begin May 29th at Highland Park Country Club on Park Ave in Highland Park just off of Route 41 north. Our normal scheduled tee off time is 4:30 P.M.

The green fees including golf cart for 12 weeks is \$350. This includes the awards and Golf Dinner at the end of the season.

This year we have decided to open our golf league to all Men's Club members of the Midwest region. The golf league will accept all good standing Men's Club members in the FJMC Midwest region that want to participate.

Complete the form below and send your check payable to NSS Beth El Men's Club to: Ben Blumberg, 45 Green Bay Rd., Highland Park, IL 60035

For additional information or questions, please contact Ben Blumberg at 847-433-2886 or bjmp@aol.com

Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

Email: _____

Men's Club: _____

Number in your party: _____ Names of other golfers _____

Total amount: \$ _____



Midwest Region - FJMC

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**Where can you find more pictures,
articles, information about the
Midwest Region FJMC?**

**Visit the Midwest Region FJMC Web
Site at:**

<http://www.midwestregionfjmc.org/>

The broadest, and maybe the most meaningful definition of volunteering:

Doing more than you have to because you want to, in a cause you consider good.

-Ivan Scheier ([from Building Staff/Volunteer Relations](#))