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Stimulating Leadership  
Innovation & Community



# Presenting the Class of 2015

## Man & Youth of the Year Honorees

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### **Anshe Emet Synagogue**

Chicago, Illinois

HARVEY POPELOW MICHAEL GOODGOLD



### **Beth Hillel Congregation Bnai Emunah**

Wilmette, Illinois

STEWART MILLER ELLIE PEARLMAN



### **Congregation Beth Israel Ner Tamid**

Glendale, Wisconsin

MARK LEBOW REBECCA PERL



### **Congregation Beth Judea**

Long Grove, Illinois

RON FRIEDMAN LARRY BENDER



### **Congregation Beth Shalom**

Northbrook, Illinois

BRAD SHAPS ZACH SANDLER



### **Congregation B'nai Amoona**

Creve Coeur, Missouri

BRUCE FRANK JONATHAN SAMUELS



### **Congregation Kneseth Israel**

Elgin, Illinois

JOSEPH ROSENFELD SHANE BONNER



### **Kol Rinah**

University City, Missouri

JERRY RASKIN ALEX ZVIBLEMAN



### **North Suburban Synagogue Beth El**

Highland Park, Illinois

AARON KRUMBEIN AARON PICKARD



### **West Suburban Temple Har Zion**

River Forest, Illinois

MIKE WILDE  
BEN BROTMAN TED LOEWENTHAL



# **2015 Man & Youth of the Year – FJMC Midwest Region**

**Sunday, February 22, 2015 – 5 pm  
Beth Hillel Congregation Bnai Emunah  
Wilmette, Illinois**

## **– Emcee & Introductions –**

Jonathan Lehrer  
Beth Hillel Congregation Bnai Emunah

## **– Welcome –**

Harold Primack  
Event Chair, Beth Hillel Congregation Bnai Emunah

## **– Star Spangled Banner & Hatikvah –**

Cantor Pavel Roytman  
Beth Hillel Congregation Bnai Emunah

## **– Invocation & Dvar Torah –**

Rabbi Annie Tucker  
Beth Hillel Congregation Bnai Emunah

## **– Kiddush & Motzi –**

Ivan Cramer & Jeff Roth  
President & VP, Beth Hillel Congregation Bnai Emunah Men's Club

## **– Dinner –**

FJMC Midwest Region/President's Message Follows Dinner  
Dr. Michael Greenberg  
Congregation Beth Shalom

## **– Birkhat Hamazon –**

Burt Fischman (Captain Ruach)  
Congregation Beth Judea

## **– FJMC Midwest Region Fundraising –**

Neal Blustein & Donald Pike  
Congregation Beth Shalom

## **– Presentation of FJMC**

## **2015 Man & Youth of the Year Honorees –**

Jonathan Lehrer  
Beth Hillel Congregation Bnai Emunah

Photography by Elliot Goldman, Congregation Beth Shalom

# **St. Louis Area FJMC Midwest Region**

## **Man & Youth of the Year Luncheon**

**Sunday, March 15, 2015**

### **Congregation B'nai Amoona & Kol Rinah**

**1:00 pm Welcome & Introductions**

- B'nai Amoona Men's Club
- Kol Rinah Men's Club
- Greetings from Clergy

**1:15 pm Buffet Lunch**

**1:50 pm Dr. Michael Greenberg,  
President, FJMC Midwest Region**

**2:00 pm Jonathan Samuels, B'nai Amoona -  
Youth of the Year Award Presentation**

**2:10 pm Alex Zvibleman, Kol Rinah -  
Youth of the Year Award Presentation**

**2:20 pm Dr. Bruce Frank, B'nai Amoona -  
Man of the Year Award Presentation**

**2:35 pm Jerry Raskin, Kol Rinah -  
Man of the Year Award Presentation**

**2:50 pm Closing Remarks & Recognition**

**3:00 pm Luncheon Concludes**

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## Kol Hakavod to Our 2015 Honorees and Welcome to Our Man/Youth of the Year Dinner



Tonight we honor and thank the Men and Youth of our Region for their dedication and commitment to their clubs, youth groups, synagogues and communities. Your collective leadership has made our Jewish lives better.

Our annual event is not just for those we have chosen to honor, it's for all of us. This is the second year for including our youth as honorees. It is also year two of staging registration and ad book payments through our Region website. These activities have been highly successful and are examples of our international role as change agents.

Our mantra is stimulating Men's Club leadership through innovation and by executing distinctive programming that builds and enhances community. There is no better way to lead, than by example, and this celebration of our multiple generation leaders is just one shining example.

Our work is not finished. The same applies to the Men and Youth leaders who we honor tonight. True change agents continuously set new visions and road maps to effect positive change. They do not fear failure, but learn from it. We are confident the leaders we are recognizing will fulfill this role and help shape a more vibrant Jewish community.

On behalf of the FJMC's Midwest Region Executive Board, I would like to offer our warmest congratulations to all 2015 honorees, and Beth Hillel Congregation Bnai Emunah and its devoted Men's Club for hosting this signature event.

We also extend a hearty Mazal Tov to our St. Louis Men and Youth recipients who will be honored for their achievements on Sunday, March 15 in Missouri.

### **Dr. Michael J. Greenberg**

President  
Midwest Region  
Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs

# 2015 Host Men's Club Committee

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Planned and organized by the  
Beth Hillel Congregation Bnai Emunah  
Men's Club

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## Subcommittee:

**Harold Primack**, Chair

**Lee Bloom**

**Bill Branda**

**Ray Gilbert**

**Irwin Goldstein**

**Gabe Jacobson**

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**Mike Reid**

**Gary Rubin**

**Norwin Merens**, BHCBE Midwest Region Board Liaison

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**Bill Branda, Norwin Merens** Program & Ad Book

**Jay Lawrence** Catering Services

**Jonathan Lehrer** Emcee

**Stewart Miller, Gary Rubin** Honoree Recognition

**Harold Primack** Onsite Logistics

**Mike Reid, Ray Gilbert, Gabe Jacobson**

Day of Event Information & Nametag Pick Up

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Our Region is the organizational link between the Conservative Jewish Men's Clubs in Illinois, Wisconsin, Missouri and Nebraska and our parent body, the International Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs. Together, we strive to increase the level of observance, the level of synagogue participation, and the level of brotherhood among our members.

We accomplish this by sharing ideas and pooling our talents and resources. Our achievements are evidenced by the great strides made in the areas of programming, education and personal enrichment enjoyed by our Men's Club members.

Our Federation has developed programs such as the World Wide Wrap, The Art of Jewish Living Series, Hebrew Literacy, Yom HaShoah Candles, Men's Club Shabbat, Hearing Men's Voices, and Keruv. We have also produced several video tapes including, *The Ties That Bind*, *Inbound Mercy* and *Shabbat Service*.

As club leaders, we are asking you to encourage your board members to avail themselves of the wealth of timely information, resources, and ideas offered by the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs to enhance your own club's programs, and to positively impact the lives of your members, their families, your synagogue, and your community. In doing so, we can accomplish our mission: ***Stimulating Leadership, Innovation & Community.***

# **Midwest Region Affiliated Clubs**

(As of February 2015)

## **Anshe Emet Synagogue**

Chicago, Illinois

## **Beth El Synagogue**

Omaha, Nebraska

## **Beth Hillel Congregation Bnai Emunah**

Wilmette, Illinois

## **Congregation Beth Israel Ner Tamid**

Glendale, Wisconsin

## **Congregation Beth Judea**

Long Grove, Illinois

## **Congregation Beth Shalom**

Northbrook, Illinois

## **Congregation B'nai Amoona**

Creve Coeur, Missouri

## **Congregation B'nai Tikvah**

Deerfield, Illinois

## **Congregation Kneseth Israel**

Elgin, Illinois

## **Kol Rinah**

University City, Missouri

## **Congregation Rodfei Zedek**

Chicago, Illinois

## **North Suburban Synagogue Beth El**

Highland Park, Illinois

## **West Suburban Temple Har Zion**

River Forest, Illinois



## **FJMC Midwest Region Officers, 2015**

**Michael Greenberg** President  
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**Paul Glaser** Vice President  
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**Gregg Pollack**  
**Ernie Smolen**



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**Myles Simpson** International President  
**Rabbi Charles Simon** Executive Director

# Midwest Region FJMC 2015 Calendar

**Sunday, February 22, 2015**

Man & Youth of the Year Dinner at  
Beth Hillel Congregation Bnai Emunah

**Thursday, March 5, 2015**

Purim

**Saturday, March 14, 2015**

St. Louis Men's Club Shabbat

**Sunday, March 15, 2015**

St. Louis Man & Youth of the Year Luncheon  
at Congregation B'nai Amoona

**Saturday, March 21, 2015**

FJMC Men's Club Shabbat

**Saturday, April 4, 2015**

Passover – 1st Seder

**Thursday, April 16, 2015**

Yom HaShoah

**Thursday, April 23, 2015**

Yom HaAtzmaut

**Thursday, May 7, 2015**

Lag B'Omer

**Sunday, May 17, 2015**

FJMC Midwest Region Annual Meeting &  
2015-17 Officer Installation at  
Beth Hillel Congregation Bnai Emunah  
(Includes AM Minyan, breakfast and program)

**Sunday, May 25, 2015**

Shavuot

**July 8-12, 2015**

FJMC Biennial Convention - Miami Beach, FL

**Saturday, July 25, 2015**

Tisha B'Av

**Sunday, August 2, 2015**

Brotherhood Event in Milwaukee, WI

**Cubs vs. Brewers @ Miller Park**

Tailgate Festivities & Ball Game

studies  
events

# Silent Auction

*Be sure to place your bids*

**Thanks to Our Auction Donors and Businesses  
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Items & Donors List as of February 9, 2015

*Check the Tables for More Additions and Bids*

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6	La Sonic Jewelry Cleaner	Plotkin Sales	Neal Plotkin
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17	\$50 gift certificate	Max and Benny's	Steve Lessman
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21	Fur storage, cleaning and glazing	A. J. Ugent Furs	Rodney Ugent
22	2 Chicago Cubs tickets 4/14/15	Glen Roter	Glen Roter
23	Men's haircut	Professional Hair Designers	Neal Blustein
24	Woman's hair styling	Julie Bernfeld/ Jeffrey James Salon, Highland Park	Mike Greenberg

## **Tribute Ads for all Honorees**

**This section is arranged in alphabetical order by Synagogue.**

A percentage of ad revenues placed for each Youth of the Year Honoree is being allocated back to that recipient's Synagogue Youth Department.

Following the event, you will be able to access this book in electronic form, on the Midwest Region FJMC web site.

**[www.midwestregionfjmc.org](http://www.midwestregionfjmc.org)**

**Thank You for your generous support.**

*We could not produce this event without your contributions each year.*

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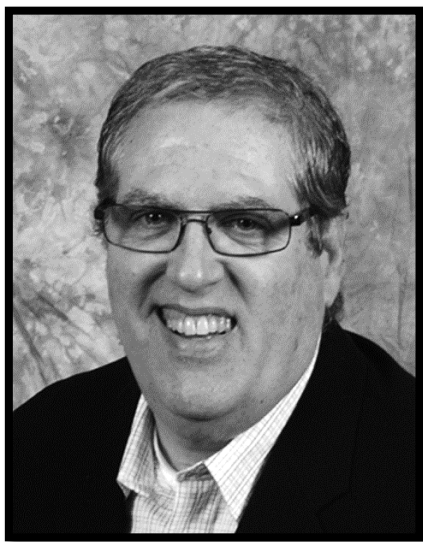
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This first ad is for all our Honorees

# **MAZAL TOV!**

***To all 2015 Man & Youth  
of the Year honorees:  
Congratulations on all that you've  
done to support your respective clubs,  
synagogues and Federation  
of Jewish Men's Clubs.***

**Jerry & Estelle Agrest**



## **Harvey Popolow**

**Anshe Emet Synagogue  
Chicago, Illinois**

Harvey and his family joined the Anshe Emet community 18 years ago as his daughter was invited to the kindergarten class of the day school. Having only recently arrived in Chicago from New York City, Anshe Emet became a source of friendship, support and spirituality over the years.

When Harvey learned that a few ‘guys’ were interested in trying to reincarnate the Anshe Emet Men’s Club, Harvey jumped at the opportunity to be a resource to the new club founders. He is instrumental in the development and management of club programs and communicating these activities to congregants. You can always find Harvey at men’s club events chatting up new club member and prospects, urging them to join in.

He is a classical marketing and advertising executive specializing in customer acquisition, program development and targeted communication, having held senior posts at divisions of PepsiCo, UniLever, Sears, DeVry University and the Chicago Transit Authority.

A consultant to companies and organizations requiring incremental in-house marketing support, Harvey serves as the Executive Director of the MagenTzedek Commission, a non-profit organization dedicated to the development and deployment of a new ethical certification program for kosher food manufacturers.

He holds an undergraduate business degree from Bernard Baruch College and an MBA from St. John’s University. He and his family are twenty three year residents of the thriving Lakeview neighborhood of Chicago

Harvey is Chair Emeritus and past board member of the Chicago Region of The Marketing Executive Networking Group.



## **Michael Goodgold**

**Anshe Emet Synagogue  
Chicago, Illinois**

Michael is a 7th grader at The Cove School in Northbrook, Illinois. Before attending Cove, he spent four years at the Chicago Jewish Day School. Michael has two siblings, Deena, 12 and Jonathan, 7 who attend CJDS. Michael has been a member of the Anshe Emet Synagogue and is an avid Torah reader. Since his Bar Mitzvah in October 2013, he has leaned eight times, including during the High Holidays.

The Anshe Emet clergy and community have been a very important influence for Michael throughout his life. He is also a big sports fan of all professional sports teams in the Chicago area; his favorite individual sport is swimming. His parents are Jay and Karen Goodgold.

We are so proud of our  
Anshe Emet Synagogue

“2015 Man of the Year”  
**HARVEY POPOLOW**

“2015 Youth of the Year”  
**MICHAEL GOODGOLD**

**MAZEL TOV**  
**ON THIS WELL**  
**DESERVED HONOR!**



| for all the days of your life

**We are so proud of our  
Anshe Emet Synagogue**

**“Youth of the Year”**

**Michael  
Goodgold**

**Mazel Tov--We love you  
and your passion for  
Torah!**

*Karen, Jay, Deena and Jonathan Goodgold*

*Marilyn and Richard Swoiskin*

*Mark, Jackie, Aaron and Chloe Swoiskin*

*Susan, Herb, Jessica, Scott and Dana Schwartz*

*Betty Gottfried*



ANSHE EMET SYNAGOGUE MEN'S CLUB

**Harvey Popolow**

*Our Man of the Year*

**Michael Goodgold**

*Our Youth of the Year*

*Your dedication makes us proud!*

**MAZEL TOV!!**

*The Anshe Emet Men's Club Board*

**HARVEY POPOLOW**

**CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR MAN  
OF THE YEAR AWARD.**

**THANKS FOR YOUR COMMITMENT  
AND LEADERSHIP.**

**YOU ARE A TRUE INSPIRATION TO  
ANSHE EMET SYNAGOGUE AND OUR  
MEN'S CLUB.**

**KAREN, JAY, MICHAEL DEENA AND  
JONATHAN GOODGOLD**

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
Anshe Emet Synagogue  
Men's Club Honoree

**HARVEY**  
**POPOLOW**

**Our Man of the Year**  
**Every Day!**

Mazel Tov and  
Much Love,

Jill, Allie  
and Mom

# **Kol Ha'Kavod to Harvey Popolow**



**Anshe Emet Men's Club's  
Man of the year**

*Thanks for everything!*

Larry Kosova  
Gregg Pollack  
Jonathan Norton

# We Shall Never Forget!

The worst evil in human history came to an end  
70 years ago, as concentration camps  
were liberated. The Shoah is now becoming a  
faint glimmer in our consciousness, as survivors  
and eyewitnesses age and pass on.

Yellow candles are intended for use on Yom HaShoah  
and other important Holocaust remembrance dates.

Everyone is obligated to remember and to act.

Candles are now available from the FJMC Midwest Region.

Email Darryl Temkin at **DarrylTemkin@gmail.com**

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**Yom HaShoah**  
**Thursday, April 16, 2015**  
**– 28 Nisan 5775**

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***“Light a Candle,  
Preserve a Memory”***

Featuring artwork by world renowned  
artist and survivor, Dubi Arie.





## **Stewart M. Miller**

**Beth Hillel Congregation  
Bnai Emunah  
Wilmette, Illinois**

Stewart has been active on the BHCBE Men's Club Board and served as communication chair and corresponding secretary between 2006-14. He is presently the Club's Executive VP. During his Board tenure, he has modernized Club communications by implementing Gmail. Stewart has also worked with the BHCBE office staff to streamline email distribution through Constant Contact and personally administers the Club's timely posts on Facebook.

He is serving his second term on the synagogue Board and is a past member of the BHCBE Academy/Hebrew School Board. He received his bachelor's degree in computer science from Chicago's Roosevelt University and is employed as IT Project Leader in system administration and application development at Cole-Parmer Instrument Company, LLC.

Stewart and his family have been affiliated with the synagogue since 2001. His wife, Lisa has served on the Library and Social Action committees. The couple's sons, Harris and Merrill, observed their Bar Mitzvahs at BHCBE and are BHCBE Academy graduates and attended through Hebrew High. Harris is a graduate of Lake Forest (Illinois) College and Merrill is a sophomore at Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Stewart and his family reside in Morton Grove, Illinois.



## **Ellie Pearlman**

**Beth Hillel Congregation  
Bnai Emunah  
Wilmette, Illinois**

Ellie is a sophomore at New Trier High School, on the honor roll and involved in many afterschool clubs besides USY. She has become very involved with BHCBE's USY chapter in recent years without parental prodding. Judaism is an integral part of Ellie's life – though she loves all cultures and languages. She is virtually fluent in Spanish and received two scholarships from New Trier to visit Peru this summer where she will live with a family and enhance her understanding of the culture. A self-starter, Ellie has been playing the violin since she was five years old and performs regularly in the New Trier Orchestra

She is extremely empathetic and kind toward others but her true passion is animals and specifically cats. Ellie interviewed and was accepted as a volunteer at the Humane Society as a freshman. She has proven to be extremely devoted, loyal and responsible in all her endeavors. Ellie is a wonderful role model to her dear brother, Victor and close with her older sister, Leah. She is a wonderful daughter, friend, person and Jew.

# Congratulations!

Beth Hillel Congregation Bnai Emunah  
**MAN OF THE YEAR 2015**

## Stewart Miller



Your Friends,

**Beth Hillel**  
CONGREGATION  
**Bnai Emunah**  
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Mazel Tov to  
**Beth Hillel Congregation**  
**Bnai Emunah's**

Man of the Year  
*Stewart Miller*  
&  
Youth of the Year  
*Ellie Pearlman*

On behalf of the entire  
BHCBE Community & Men's Club,  
We thank you for your dedication to us.

Rabbi Annie Tucker,  
Cantor Pavel Roytman,  
Rabbi Michael Cohen,  
Jim Stoller, President,  
and Elly Bauman, Exec. Dir.



# **MAZEL TOV!**

**Beth Hillel Congregation Bnai Emunah**

## **MAN & YOUTH OF THE YEAR 2015**

**Ellie Pearlman  
& Stewart Miller**



### **Well Deserved Recognition**

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Ivan Cramer  
BHCBE Men's Club  
President

#### **BHCBE Men's Club Past Presidents:**

Don Babendir, Lee Bloom, Richard Bosley, Bill Branda, Ray Gilbert,  
Stuart Gold, Irwin Goldstein, Frank Greenfield, Norwin Merens,  
David Penzell, Harold Primack, Allan Rodin, Joe Sameh,  
Mel Seidenberg & Ernie Simon

# CONGRATULATIONS

Beth Hillel Congregation Bnai Emunah  
2015 Man & Youth of the Year

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**STEWART MILLER**  
**ELLIE PEARLMAN**

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*Well Done!*

Norwin & Laura Merens

MAZEL TOV TO OUR HONOREES

**STEWART MILLER**

**ELLIE PEARLMAN**

FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

*Ivan and Clancy*

Congratulations to a Most Deserving

“Man of the Year”

**Stewart Miller**

Love,

Lisa, Harris, and Merrill

**YASHER KOACH**

**BHCBE'S 2015  
MAN & YOUTH OF THE YEAR**

**Stewart Miller**  

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**Ellie Pearlman**

**MEL F. SEIDENBERG**  
Beth Hillel Congregation Men's Club  
**FIRST MAN OF THE YEAR**

**Mazal tov to our good friend**

**Stewart Miller!**

**Thanks for all you do for our  
Club and Community.**

**Alysia & Irwin**



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STEWART MILLER  
ELLIE PEARLMAN

THE BEST  
OF BHCBE

Mazel Tov!

Estee & Jonathan Lehrer

Congratulations to  
**Stewart Miller**

☆ Man of the Year ☆

In recognition of your  
continued leadership of

**The BHCBE Men's Club**

and your service to the members of  
Beth Hillel Congregation Bnai Emunah

*Lee and Lisa Bloom*

Congratulations to  
**Ellie Pearlman**

☆ Youth of the Year ☆

We are very proud to honor BHCBE's  
Next-Generation Jewish community leader.

*L'dor Va'dor*

*Lee and Lisa Bloom*

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# **CONGRATULATIONS STEWART**

**on your  
special recognition!**

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**Debbie & Jay Lawrence**

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**Men's Club  
Invites you to get more involved.**

**Serve at your Synagogue, Region or  
National/Internationally**

**Reach out to your Men's Club President and let them  
know you are interested in helping us out.**

**Visit the Midwest Region website to stay up to date  
throughout the year with our many programs**

**[www.midwestregionfjmc.org](http://www.midwestregionfjmc.org)**



## **Mark Lebow**

**Congregation Beth Israel  
Ner Tamid  
Glendale, Wisconsin**

Mark Lebow, a lifelong resident of Milwaukee, has been a librarian at the Medical College of Wisconsin since 1992. He had what most would consider an average conservative Jewish upbringing. That is to say, his family followed a good deal of the customs and Mark went with the flow. He participated in USY during his high school years.

In the 1980s, his family belonged to Congregation Beth Israel, our synagogue's previous identity. Ten years later, the family made the switch to the area's other large conservative shul, Beth El Ner Tamid. In 1990, Mark was invited to be part of a group trip to Israel. This was a turning point for him, and he began thinking more deeply about what it meant to be Jewish and his place in the community.

Mark joined the Beth El Men's Club in 2003. When his synagogue combined with Congregation Beth Israel in 2012 to become Congregation Beth Israel Ner Tamid, Mark found himself back in familiar halls. He joined the newly combined Men's Club board to increase his involvement with the club.

His well-worn phrase: "Where am I needed?" Like his Jewish upbringing, Mark isn't the guy who takes center stage. Yet, look around and you'll always see him – working in the kitchen, manning a table at an event or ushering during the High Holy days. Wherever he is needed. Our clubs can all use more Mark Lebows! We couldn't be more proud to proclaim our dear friend this year's Man of the Year.



## **Rebecca Perl**

**Congregation Beth Israel  
Ner Tamid  
Glendale, Wisconsin**

Rebecca is a senior at Nicolet High School. Since freshman year, she has been an active USYer, serving as Milwaukee USY President (2011-14), USY International General Board as Social Action Chair (2013-14) and CHUSY Executive VP (2014-15).

She attended Sunday school and Hebrew school at Congregation Beth Israel Ner Tamid from 2007-12 when she was confirmed. She has been active in her synagogue as well as the Milwaukee Jewish community, serving as teacher's aide in the Sunday School from 2012-14, the USY representative for the Milwaukee Jewish Youth Council, a Friendship Circle volunteer, and a StandWithUs intern for the 2014-15 year.

Over the summer, Rebecca started her own innovative medical company, DiabeTECH, through Camp Inc., and served as the programming director for The Validation Project. Rebecca currently interns for BizStarts Milwaukee.

With her religious conviction, her drive to support the Jewish community and her entrepreneurial spirit, Rebecca's limitless potential will surely contribute to a bright future. We can't think of a better reason to call her our 2015 Youth of the Year.



Congregation Beth Israel  
Ner Tamid Men's Club  
congratulates our

MAN OF THE YEAR  
**MARK LEBOW**



Your words, "where am I needed," define your  
enduring service to our club, our synagogue and  
Conservative Judaism.



CBINT Men's Club

**We are proud to  
recognize**  
Congregation Beth Israel  
Ner Tamid's

“Youth of the Year”  
**Rebecca Perl**



**Mazel Tov**  
on this well deserved honor!



CBINT Men's Club

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*and*

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**Chicago/Milwaukee Area Dinner**

**February 2016**

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Highland Park, Illinois

# It's Time to "Play Ball!"

— FJMC Midwest Region Annual Brotherhood Event —

## Chicago Cubs vs. Milwaukee Brewers

**Sunday, August 2, 2015, 1:10 pm**

**Miller Park, Milwaukee, WI**



**Kosher Tailgate Party precedes the game.**

**Hot Dogs & Hamburgers served.**



**Tailgating begins promptly at 11:30 am**

**- Let us know if you need a vegetarian lunch -**

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## **Ron Friedman**

**Congregation Beth Judea  
Long Grove, Illinois**

Ron serves on the Men's Club Board and coordinates Congregation Beth Judea Men's Club participation in assisting the residents at the Lieberman Center in Skokie on Shabbat. Ron has found his experience with men's club to be enriching because of the "menschkeit" generated by a truly wonderful group of men. Ron is also a member of the synagogue's finance committee.

He and his wonderful wife of 45 years, Jean joined Congregation Beth Judea in 1989. Ron is the proud father of four daughters and one granddaughter. He is retired after an extensive commercial banking career. Ron now spends his free time reading, working out, summer gardening and completing numerous "honey do" chores. Before moving to Buffalo Grove from Skokie in 1987, he served 8.5 years on the District 68 School Board, including one term as Board president.

Ron would like to give a special "shout out" to those in the CBJ Men's Club (who modestly prefer anonymity) whose leadership and traits of charity, spirituality and morality have been inspirations for him to emulate. Ron is honored and humbled to have been chosen for this recognition and hopes he can live up to the high standards set by his predecessors.



## **Larry Bender**

**Congregation Beth Judea  
Long Grove, Illinois**

Larry is currently a senior at Chicagoland Jewish High School. He has been very active in Beth Judea's award-winning USY chapter serving as co-editor of the Chapter newsletter and Communications VP. More recently, Larry has assumed regional leadership roles as co-chair of the Fall USY Convention and Regional Vice President of Communications. He has also participated in USY on Wheels Mission Mitzvah and the USY Pilgrimage to Israel.

Besides his USY activities, Larry has been a strong supporter and advocate for Israel. He is active in StandWithUs having worked with them as a teen intern. He has attended both the 2013 AIPAC High School Summit held in Washington, D.C. in 2013 and the AIPAC Policy Conference also held in Washington, D.C. in 2014.

Sports are Larry's other passion. He has played for both the baseball and the bowling teams for Chicagoland Jewish High School for the past three years. He has also worked as a baseball umpire for several years. He was selected to receive the Best Umpire Award in 2009.

Currently, Larry is the youngest member to have ever served on the Congregation Beth Judea Board of Directors. He is a member of the Education, Ritual, Membership and Israel committees. Following graduation, Larry plans to spend a year in Israel attending NATIV which will provide him with a unique opportunity to continue his journey to becoming an adult Conservative Jewish leader of tomorrow.

Along with his parents, Arnie and Debbie Bender, Congregation Beth Judea Men's Club is proud to honor Larry Bender as its Youth of the Year.



Mazel Tov

**Ron Friedman**

On being named

Congregation Beth Judea's

Men's Club Man of the year

Mazel Tov

**Larry Bender**

On being named

Congregation Beth Judea's

Youth of the year

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**We are so proud of our**



**“Youth of the Year”  
Larry Bender**

**Mazel Tov**  
on this well deserved honor!

Love,  
Mom, Dad  
&  
Adam



Congregation Beth Judea

**Ron Friedman**

*Our Man of the Year*

**Larry Bender**

*Our Youth of the Year*

**MAZEL TOV !!**

*The success of our Men's Club and of our  
USY chapter is due to men like you.*

***Norm and Joan Kurtz***

**A HUGE MAZEL TOV TO OUR FRIEND**

**RON FRIEDMAN**

**ON THIS WELL EARNED AND DESERVED  
MAN OF THE YEAR RECOGNITION**

*Debbie and Arnie Bender*

***Mazel Tov Larry***

***I Wish You the Best***

***Grammy***

*Congratulations to a most deserving "Youth of the Year"*  
*Yasher Koach to*

*Larry Bender*

*Your Friends-Tammy, David, Samantha, Talia and Noah Brody*

**Mazel Tov and Best Wishes  
to a wonderful young man!!!**

**YOUTH OF THE YEAR**

**Larry Bender**

**Love Always, Arnie & Linda Brown**

**Ron Friedman and Larry Bender**

**Congratulations on your great work**

*Fred and Susan Rabinowitz*

Mazel Tov Larry Bender

You're a true role model for our youth!

The Glucks

Mazel Tov to

**Congregation Beth Judea**

Man of the Year

**Ron Friedman**

and

Youth of the Year

**Larry Bender**

*Rabbi Jeff Pivo and  
Cantor Roger Weisberg*

Mazel Tov to Our  
Friend

**Ron Friedman**

Congregation Beth  
Judea's

Man of the Year  
2015

Sandy & Marilyn Victor

**CONGREGATION BETH JUDEA**

**Ron Friedman**

*Our Man of the Year*

**Larry Bender**

*Our Youth of the Year*

**MAZELTOV!!**

***Best wishes and deepest regards***

***From the Harris Family***

***Allen, Sharon, Evan, & Samantha***

*Yasher Koach to our friend*

*Ron Friedman*

*For his well earned recognition as*

*Beth Judea's Man of the Year!!*

*Ann and Mitch Lerman*

*Yasher Koach to our friend*

*Larry Bender*

*For his well earned recognition as*

*Beth Judea's Youth of the Year!!*

*Ann and Mitch Lerman*



# Congratulations

## **We salute Beth Judea's Youth of the Year, Larry Bender!**

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MAZEL TOV  
TO  
**RON FRIEDMAN**  
Congregation Beth Judea's  
MAN OF THE YEAR

On Your Well Earned Recognition  
*Gail Gerber and Eric Yegehwel*

*Congratulations to a most deserving*  
*"Youth of the Year"*  
*Larry Bender*  
*Gail Gerber and Eric Yegehwel*

Congratulations on a well-deserved award,  
you've always been #1 to us!

YOUTH OF THE YEAR  
**Larry Bender**  
Joan and Lew Smith

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*Ron Friedman & Larry Bender*

*Beth Judea Men's Club's*

*Man and Youth of the Year*

*May you go from strength to strength*

*Thank you for all you do!*

*Merle and Evan Rumack*

**Congregation Beth Judea**

**Laurence Bender**

**Our Youth of the Year**

**MAZELTOV!!**

***Best wishes  
from  
Renee Blustein  
Gaga***

**CONGRATULATIONS  
TO THE CONGREGATION BETH JUDEA**

*MAN OF THE YEAR*

**RON FRIEDMAN**

**AND**

*THE YOUTH OF THE YEAR*

**LARRY BENDER**

**MAZEL TOV TO YOU RECEIVING THIS  
WELL DESERVED HONOR.**

**YASHER KOACH!!!**

**WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU BOTH AND  
GRATEFUL FOR ALL YOU DO FOR  
CONGREGATION BETH JUDEA .**

**WITH LOVE FROM THE BETH JUDEA  
SISTERHOOD**



**MAZEL TOV & KOL HAKAVOD TO**  
**Larry Bender**  
**ON THIS WELL EARNED AND DESERVED**  
**YOUTH OF THE YEAR RECOGNITION**  
With our best wishes for continued success

*Ron and Jean Friedman*

**RON FRIEDMAN**

my beloved: husband, helpmate, and hero  
best friend and boyfriend  
protector and provider  
rock and right hand

With all my love, today and always,

*Jean*

**Congratulations To a Well Deserved**  
**Man of the Year**  
**Ron Friedman**

*Heidi & Jerry Sakol*

Chicagoland Jewish High School applauds

**LARRY BENDER**

for being named Youth of the Year! Mazal Tov!

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Congregation Beth Judea**

**“Man of the Year”**

**Ron Friedman**

**“Youth of the Year”**

**Larry Bender**

**Mazel Tov**

**on this well deserved honor!**

**Congregation Beth Judea Men’s Club**

# Ron Friedman

Congregation Beth Judea  
Men's Club 2015

Man of the Year

You have **ALWAYS** been **OUR**  
man of **EVERY** year

**Mazal Tov** on this well-deserved honor.  
We couldn't be prouder of you!

**With all our love from  
the special women in your life**

Adoring Wife:	Jean
Devoted Daughters:	Rebekah, Jessica Rachel, & Jonina
Loving Granddaughter:	Aviva
Proud Mother-in-Law:	Kay

**Mazel Tov to our**



**“Man of the Year”**

***Ron Friedman***

**“Youth of the Year”**

***Larry Bender***

**Thank you Ron and Larry for all  
that you do for CBJ, USY,  
Lieberman Center, AIPAC.**

**Larry, as you begin your next  
chapter, we know you will  
continue to give back to the  
community.**

**Natalie, Brian, Adam, Rachel, and Eli**

**Congratulations To**  
"Youth of the Year"  
**Larry Bender**  
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*Yasher Coach and Mazel Tou*

*Ron Freedman Larry Bender*  
*Your efforts at CBJ are most appreciated*  
*Lee and Arnie Goldberg*

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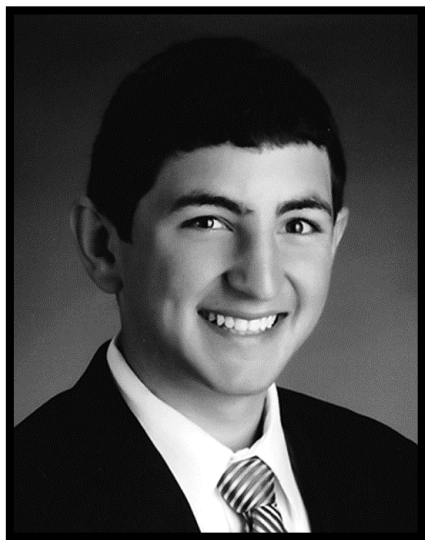
## **Brad Shaps**

**Congregation Beth Shalom  
Northbrook, Illinois**

Brad has served both Men's Club and Congregation Beth Shalom in many distinguished capacities: VP Ways & Means, Executive VP and President. As Ways & Means VP, he established the current record for Lox Box sales. During his Men's Club presidency, he directed many new programs and reinvigorated existing ones. He led CBS to a "Best Overall Club" FJMC Torch Award. Brad has served on the synagogue's Executive Board and is a member of CBS' Finance committee.

Born and raised on Chicago's north side, Brad remains an ardent White Sox fan. He also loves the Blackhawks and tolerates the Cubs. Brad is an enthusiastic fantasy sports player, as well as golfer and bridge player.

Brad attended the University of Illinois, where he received his undergraduate degree in accounting, and George Washington University where he earned a law degree. He is a Certified Public Accountant, a member of the District of Columbia Bar, and a licensed life and health insurance producer. He lives in Northbrook, Illinois with his wife, Gail and is proud father of daughters Erica, who is currently working in Israel, and Jaclyn, who is a junior at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.



## **Zach Sandler**

**Congregation Beth Shalom  
Northbrook, Illinois**

A participant in Congregation Beth Shalom's USY group over four years, Zach started his leadership involvement as a freshman representative to the USY Board. In subsequent years, he was elected by his fellow USY members as Vice President of Social Action/Tikkun Olam as a sophomore, and elected Executive Vice President (Programming) during his junior year. Zach was elected President in his senior year.

One program that Zach is well known for instituting was the Hamantashen for Hunger SATO program. Last year, that Hamantashen fundraiser resulted in the baking of more than 2600 Hamantashen by 50 kids. This fundraiser raised more than \$4,000 for MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger. Thanks to Zach's efforts, CBS USY was presented a CHUSY regional award for its contributions to Social Action and Tikkun Olam.

Besides attending CBS' Hebrew School well into his own high school years, he worked as a student aide in the administrative office. Zach studied in Israel during his junior year through the Alexander Muss High School in Israel program and has spent his summers locally working for Keshet and Camp Chi. He was a member of Glenbrook North's water polo team and National Honor Society.

Zach is currently a freshman at the University of Illinois, where he served as pledge class President of the Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity. He is involved in Illinipac, Illini Students Supporting Israel and TAMID Israel Investment.





Congratulates our  
**YOUTH OF THE YEAR AND  
MAN OF THE YEAR:**

**ZACH SANDLER AND  
BRAD SHAPS**

For all the hard work you have  
put in to make CBS USY and  
Congregation Beth Shalom the  
best it can be!!

Congregation Beth Shalom  
Youth Department

CONGRATULATIONS  
**BRADLEY SHAPS**

CONGREGATION  
BETH SHALOM

MAN OF THE YEAR  
**2015**

We are extremely proud of you!

With all our Love,

*Mom and Dad  
Linda and Marty*

MAZEL TOV  
TO  
**BRAD SHAPS**

Congregation Beth Shalom Men's Club  
MAN OF THE YEAR

BEST WISHES

*Michael and Judi Greenberg*

*Congratulations to a most deserving*

*"Youth of the Year"*

***Zach Sandler***

*Michael and Judith Greenberg*

*Congratulations to a most deserving*

*"Man of the Year"*

***Brad Shaps***

*Bender Family*

**We are so proud of our**

**CONGREGATION BETH  
SHALOM**

Man of the Year 2015

**Bradley Shaps**

**Mazel Tov**

on this well-deserved honor!

Burt and Sheila Benjamin

Donald, Miriam,

Rebecca, and Rachel Pike

Ronald, Andrea,

Jason, Ari, and Marni Widen

# Mazel Tov to Our Very Own

**Brad Shaps**

*2015 Man of the Year*

**Zach Sandler**

*2015 Youth of the Year*

Honored this year by the  
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**Glen Roter**

*Congregation President*

**Howard Sigal**

*Youth Vice-President*

**Larry Grossman & Ray Rokni**

*Men's Club Co-Presidents*

To a **Wonderful Husband,**  
**Fantastic Dad**  
and Our

**Man of the Year**  
EVERY Year:

**Brad Shaps**

**CONGREGATION**  
**BETH SHALOM**

Your hard work and  
dedication is an example for  
all. We love you so much!

Gail, Erica, Jackie,  
and of course Ginger



Loves and Honors Our  
**Man of the Year**  
**Brad Shaps**

and

**Youth of the Year**  
**Zach Sandler**

Mazel Tov & Todah Rabah

For All You Do & Who You Are!

You Both Exemplify the  
Values to Which We All  
Aspire, and Inspire Us  
Through Your Actions and  
Leadership

*Brad,*

*To a very dear friend,  
congratulations on  
being honored as Man  
of the Year!*

*Mitch and Cathy Feiger*

**Brad Shaps  
Man of the Year**





# We salute you!

## **Congratulations to Brad Shaps!**

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**Mazel Tov &  
Y'asher Koach**  
from  
CBS Men's Club  
Co-Presidents  
to our  
Co-Honorees:  
**Brad Shaps**  
**Zach Sandler**

Thanks for your dedication  
to our Jewish Co-mmunity!

**Ray and Larry**

MAZEL TOV  
TO  
**Zach Sandler**

Congregation Beth Shalom  
YOUTH OF THE YEAR

We are proud of you today and always!

*MOM, DAD,*  
*xo ADAM & MOLLY xo*

**Mazel tov** and best wishes to  
**Brad Shaps-**

Congregation Beth Shalom's  
**Man of the Year**

On receiving this well-deserved honor

*From the 4 Housemen*

*Abe Drayer Frank Horwitz*

*Norm Iglarsh and Norm Padnos*

**Mazel Tov and Yasher Koach**

**Bradley Shaps—CBS Man of The Year**

**Zach Sandler—CBS Youth of the Year**

*The Braude Family*



## **Dr. Bruce Frank**

**Congregation B'nai Amoona  
Creve Coeur, Missouri**

“Puns are the highest form of literature.” – Alfred Hitchcock  
“Punning is a talent which no man affects to despise, but he that is without it.” - Jonathan Swift

For 2015, our club is pleased to honor Dr. Bruce Frank as our man of the ear, except he’s an ophthalmologist. Bruce has been a member for some 30+ years, since having brought his wife back to St. Louis in 1980. He attended Nicolet High School (in Glendale, WI) and received his medical degree from Washington University.

A former Men’s Club president, Bruce also inspires our members in the depth of his involvement in the synagogue. His years of service as a Gabbai, both at the Torah and on the floor are just one example. Another is his annual practice of wrangling several helpers to deliver an eclectic medley of tunes behind the reading of the Haftorah portion for Simchat Torah.

When he isn’t helping with a Shabbat service in some other way, Bruce finds himself compelled to greet every new person he spots in the sanctuary. A few of us know him as the first congregant, and unofficial welcome wagon, to shake our hands and ask our names.

He is the husband of Enid Weisberg-Frank, who has been tutoring the congregation’s children in various ways for more than 20 years. Bruce is the beaming father of four children: Lenny, Elizabeth, Eve & Leah and the doting grandfather of Seamus & Chana. As you probably guessed, he is without question one of the most adept punsters that most of us have ever met.



## **Jonathan Samuels**

**Congregation B'nai Amoona  
Creve Coeur, Missouri**

Jonathan is the son of Ellen and Rick Samuels. With his big sister, Abby, he inherits the family's long-time connections to St. Louis and to his shul. He will be graduating from Parkway Central High School in the spring. His absence may require several other students to fill the void, considering the broad range of his interests. They include more than a handful of academic groups, multiple sports, and playing clarinet and leading his section in the marching band and concert band.

He has deepened his Jewish identity over many summers at Camp Ramah Darom in Clayton, Georgia. He was the single boy honored one summer with their Sunshine Award, signifying not only his personal virtues but also the way that his optimism and positivity brings out the best in others. Last year, he spent part of his summer in Israel and then a week in Poland through the Ramah Seminar program.

His selection as Youth of the Year was cemented by the support of our synagogue's education and youth directors. At B'nai Amoona's religious school, he is an eager participant in our Geshar study program (for 11th and 12th graders) and has been mentoring a younger student with special needs (twice a week) for the past two years. Jonathan is serving as our USY chapter's Vice President of Social Action/Tikkun Olam, and somehow also makes time to be involved in leadership roles with the St. Louis chapter of BBYO.

We are thrilled to recognize this outstanding young man. His commitment to making his school, synagogue, and the world at large into better places is truly amazing.

MAZEL TOV

**BRUCE FRANK**

ON THIS WELL-DESERVED  
HONOR

B'NAI AMOONA  
MAN OF THE YEAR

We are SO proud of you!

With Love,  
Janet & Alan Haber

**We are so proud of our  
Congregation B'nai Amoona**

**“Man of the Ear (and Eyes)”**

**Dr. Bruce Frank**

**“Youth of the Year”**

**Jonathan Samuels**

**Mazel Tov to You Both**  
on these well deserved honors!

Edward Herzog, President  
Creighton Cohn, Past President  
Max Brown, Past President  
Mark Givarz, Past President





In Honor of Our  
Wonderful Husband,  
D.O.D, and Zaydie,

***Bruce Frank***

We are so proud of you!  
You inspire us each and  
every day.

You are always  
our Man of the Year!!



***Mazal Tov and  
Lots of Love !!***

Enid Weisberg-Frank

Lenny Frank and  
Sarah Raimondi

Elizabeth and Mark Hogan,  
Seamus and Chana

Eve Frank Bensky and  
Micah Bensky

Leah Frank



**Dr. Bruce Frank  
Mr. Jonathan Samuels  
... decades apart, but  
twins where it counts!**

“The strongest men give  
from their hearts, time  
after time, and always find  
a way to do a little more,  
care a little more.”

We're proud to recognize  
all you do for your shul. -  
B'nai Amoona Men's Club,  
St. Louis, MO

***Mazel Tov***

**Jonathan Samuels**

on being selected Youth of the Year  
at B'nai Amoona.

We are so proud of you for your  
accomplishments and your  
contributions to the community.

**We love you!**

**Mom, Dad, and Abby**

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## **Dr. Joseph Rosenfeld**

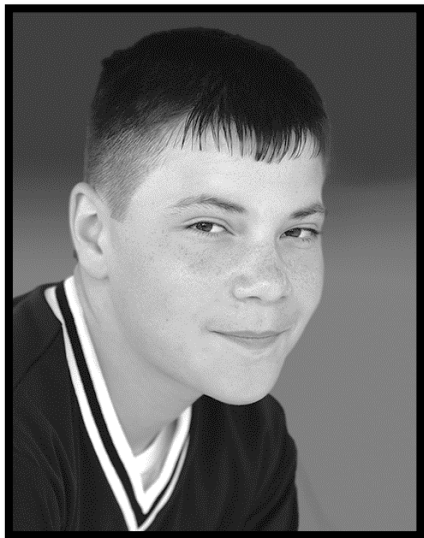
**Congregation Kneseth Israel  
Elgin, Illinois**

Since 1980, Dr. Joe has been involved in every phase of life at Congregation Kneseth Israel. From building maintenance, to education, to youth activities, to ritual, to Men's Club and synagogue leadership, Joe has offered ideas, effort and financial support.

Following a successful two-year term as Men's Club President, Joe became president of the CKI Board of Directors. Under his leadership, CKI is benefitting from implementation of its Vision Plan (which Joe helped author), leading to increased membership and school enrollment, and greater member involvement in all phases of congregation life.

Joe is married to Maureen, and they have three children; Mark (fiancé, Abby Armstrong), Michael (fiancé Molly Brown), and Molly. He is a clinical psychologist, and an associate professor in the Human Services Department of Elgin Community College.

The saying "good leaders lead by example" has no better example than Joe Rosenfeld. CKI's Men's Club is proud to nominate Joe as its Man of the Year.



## **Shane Bonner**

**Congregation Kneseth Israel  
Elgin, Illinois**

When CKI's rabbi told Shane it was too bad he couldn't do something for his bar mitzvah community service project that involved his passion for baseball, Shane conceived the idea to host a baseball tournament to raise money for Alzheimer's, a disease that afflicts his grandmother. First, he obtained approval from the Hoffman Estates Park District and the Alzheimer's Foundation of America (AFA). Shane then secured donations from companies to pay for baseballs, trophies and medals, as well as officials who insisted on working for free, making it possible for all the money raised to go to the AFA.

The tournament was held in July 2014, two weeks before Shane's bar mitzvah. When the last out was made, Shane had raised more than \$3,080 for the Alzheimer's Foundation. And, Shane had a pretty good weekend at the plate himself, going 9 for 13, with a home run, three triples and two doubles.

For his efforts, the Hoffman Estates Park District awarded Shane a Best of Hoffman Award.

Now, CKI Men's Club is proud to recognize Shane Bonner as its first-ever Youth of the Year.

**CONGREGATION KNESETH  
ISRAEL'S**

**MEN'S CLUB**

**Salutes our  
MEN OF THE YEAR**

**DR. JOE  
ROSENFELD**

**"Senior Division"**

**SHANE BONNER**

**"Youth Division"**

**Mazel Tov & Yasher Koach**

**on your dedication and service to  
our Club, our Congregation, and  
our Community**

**MAZEL TOV**

**TO OUR FRIEND**

**JOE ROSENFELD**

Paul & Lynn Glaser  
*(And we're not quitting)*

**Y-O-Y? Y-A-Y!!!**

**SHANE BONNER, MAKING CKI PROUD**

**Mazel Tov**

**from Paul & Lynn Glaser**

Mazel Tov to Shane Bonner  
my Grandson- Love Zayde  
& to Joe Rosenfeld – my friend  
Love, Peretz



**MAZEL TOV**  
**To**  
**Dr. Joe Rosenfeld**  
**CKI's MOTY**  
**And A Good Friend**  
**And To**  
**Mr. Shane Bonner**  
**CKI's YOTY**

**Congratulations**  
**And Thanks For Your Service**  
**To CKI**  
**Leonard Kofkin**

**Congregation Kneseth Israel**

**Shane Bonner**  
***Our Youth of the Year***

**Mazel Tov!**  
**We are so proud of you!**  
**We love you always-**

**Mom, Dad, Angelina & Mandy**

*Congratulations to Shane  
Bonner on a much deserved  
award. You did a great  
mitzvah - right from the heart!*

*From Dr. Joe and Maureen Rosenfeld  
Congregation Kneseth Israel*

*Congratulations to the most deserving  
"Man of the Year" Joe Rosenfeld  
and  
"Youth of the Year" Shane Bonner  
Bill and Jana McFarlane*



## **Jerry Raskin**

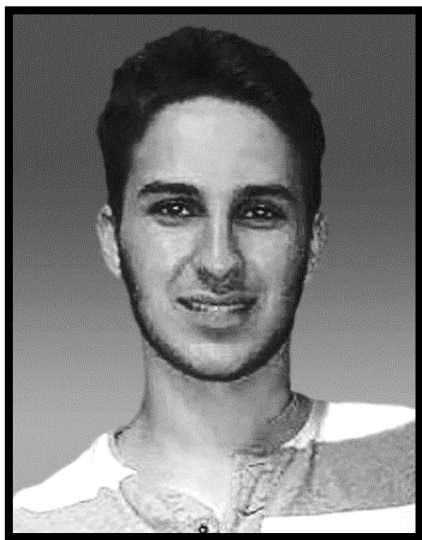
**Kol Rinah  
University City, Missouri**

An active member and past president of the legacy Brith Sholom Kneseth Israel's Men's Club, he now serves as treasurer for Kol Rinah's Men's Club. Since the merger of BSKI and Shaare Zedek, Jerry has been gratified by the participation and support of the established and new members of the club.

A native of Dallas, Texas, having moved to St. Louis following military service in 1967, Jerry, his wife Joyce, and their young sons joined Brith Sholom Kneseth Israel Congregation. His BSKI congregational responsibilities included those of Sunday school teacher, member of the USY board, membership and many other committees. Using his professional skills as founder of A.S.K. Data Systems, Inc., Jerry participated in the selection and implementation of automation for BSKI.

Jerry & Joyce have been blessed with 52 years of marriage and including their four children, Stephen, Tony, Kim and Allison; there are now 16 members of their immediate family. L'dor V'dor is a practicing concept in family life. Upon visiting Ireland and hearing the caretaker's remembrances of his great-grandparents, Jerry felt a strong bond to them. His great grandfather served as the cantor for his congregation. Jerry also feels a strong sense of commitment to the Kol Rinah community

Jerry's belief in G-d permeates his life and is anchored in a philosophy of both family and congregational life. He promotes and practices the Spirit of Tikun Olam -- to leave this world a better place.



## **Alex Zvibleman**

**Kol Rinah  
University City, Missouri**

A senior at Parkway Central High School, Alex is class secretary and an active member of Parkway's student government. Last year, he won the Mr. PCH award on behalf of the Jewish Student Union (JSU) and was responsible for raising more than \$1,000 toward that organization. This past summer, Alex participated in the Israel Bound program and spent one month in Israel, furthering his nascent love for this beautiful country.

Following high school, Alex will attend college and plans to study mechanical engineering where he will pursue his dream of being an entrepreneur and inventor. Alex's involvement in USY began in the 7th grade with Kadima Kinnus and has followed through to his senior year as president of Kol Rinah's USY. Alex has ties in most of St. Louis' Jewish youth community. From JSU to NCSY and BBYO he has dedicated much of his free time to bettering the Jewish community.

Alex has been working to tear down the barriers between the different denominations of Judaism, particularly with his involvement with JCRC and believes the most important thing any Jewish teen can do is be part of a youth group. Youth groups further the community by connecting them with relationships that will last a lifetime.

Alex is honored to be recognized the Kol Rinah Men's Club.



# Kol Rinah

*congratulates*



*Alex Zvibleman*  
*our “Youth of the Year”*

*Jerry Raskin*  
*our “Man of the Year.”*



*Thank you both for all that  
you do for Kol Rinah!*

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# Kol Rinah *Men's Club*

*Congratulations Jerry Raskin!  
Our Kol Rinah Man of the Year.  
We thank you for your ongoing  
support of our Community,  
our Synagogue and Men's Club!*

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*Congratulates Jerry Raskin  
on on his nomination as  
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# Kol Rinah *Men's Club*

*Congratulations Alex Zvibleman!*  
*Our Kol Rinah Youth of the Year.*  
*Your leadership sets high water marks*  
*for all to strive for!*  
*Best wishes from Kol Rinah Mens Club.*

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# Kol Rinah *Sisterhood*

*Congratulates Alex Zvibleman*  
*Our Kol Rinah "Youth of the Year"*  
*In recognition of his outstanding*  
*leadership of the*  
*Kol Rinah Youth programs.*

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Mazel Tov to Kol Rinah  
Congregation 2015

Man of the Year  
Jerry Raskin

We are so proud of you  
and all that you have  
accomplished!

You are our  
“Man of the Year”  
This Year and Every Year!

With love and pride,  
  
The Raskin and Zimmerman families



**Mazel Tov to Jerry Raskin,**  
Kol Rinah Man of the Year.

You may be Man of the Year,  
but you're the most incredible Tzav  
every year!

Congratulations, we love you!



Your Grandchildren

**Jerry Raskin....**The day Joyce met you was a lucky day for our whole family. You are our brother and friend and a blessing to all of us and we are not surprised that you are a blessing to so many others. You are an honorable man who is always there to help with companionship, wise advice, humor and fun.

We are so proud of you!

We love you!!!!

CONGRATULATIONS  
**JERRY RASKIN**  
KOL RINAH MAN OF THE YEAR!!!!

Love, Judi & Gary Goldstein  
David & Carol Hoffman  
Stephanie & Carl Cicero

# *Mazel Tov Alex!*

*We are so proud of your  
commitment and Leadership  
to Kol Rinah Youth and  
your Jewish Community.*

*You are an inspiration  
to all of us.*

*All our Love, Mom and Dad  
Andrew, Amanda, Jesse and Alex*





To **JERRY RASKIN**,  
Kol Rinah Man of the Year.  
*Mazal Tov* on this Well-Deserved Honor!  
To **JONATHAN SAMUELS**,  
B'nai Amoona Youth of the Year &  
To **ALEX ZVIBLEMAN**,  
Kol Rinah Youth of the Year.  
May You Go from Strength to Strength!

Bruce Frank and Enid Weisberg-Frank



## ***SAVE THE DATE***

**Sunday, May 17, 2015**

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**and**

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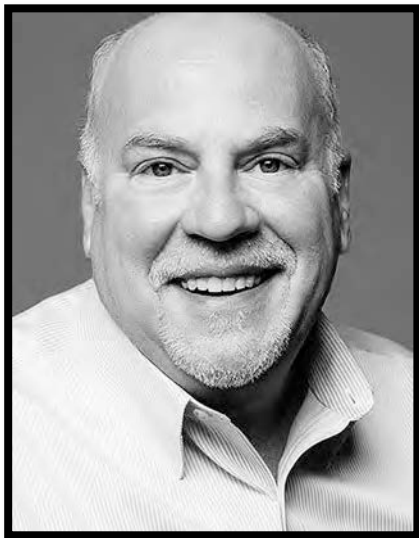
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## **Aaron Krumbein**

**North Suburban Synagogue  
Beth El  
Highland Park, Illinois**

Aaron has attended NSS Beth El since birth and has been a member since adulthood. His mother's family was a founding member of the Highland Park synagogue.

He has always had a strong sense of philanthropy at the grass-roots level, providing an extra set of hands wherever needed. Aaron presently sits on the Executive Board of Maot Chitim, the Executive Board of the NSS Beth El Men's Club, the Youth Advisory Board at NSS Beth El and in the footsteps of his father; he mentors others in business through networking.

Aaron has been blessed with a wonderful family: wife and partner, Ellen and children Ari, Abby, Rachel and son-in-law Todd. His business of 24 years, Images Alive, has been close to home by design, as family time was and is paramount to him. He enjoys the outdoors, cooking, sailing and gardening (really farming, if you've ever been to his house.)

His involvement with the NSS Beth El Men's Club began some nine years ago in the form of coercion; a one-two punch by Manny Marczak and followed through by Milton Fields, of blessed memory. Needless to say, when he joined, he didn't know he had been assigned a board position. The rest is history, as Aaron has met and continues to meet his best friends in the Club, all while gaining the satisfaction of serving his synagogue and the community at large; he is looking forward to becoming Club president.

Aaron is very appreciative of this honor and is humbled by both the experience and his fellow honorees.



## **Aaron Pickard**

**North Suburban Synagogue  
Beth El  
Highland Park, Illinois**

Aaron is excited to have been selected as NSS Beth El's 2015 youth recipient. He is a graduate of the Cohen Religious School and the Sokol Hebrew High School. He attended

Camp Ramah in Wisconsin for seven summers, and worked during the summer of 2014 as a lifeguard at Ramah Day Camp.

A senior at New Trier High School, he is an Honor Roll student, and was recognized for his academic achievements through the National Merit Scholarship program. Aaron is active in United Synagogue Youth. He has been involved with Beth El's youth groups for more than eight years, and served as the Religion/Education Vice President for BEANS USY during his sophomore and junior years.

In 2014, BEANS recognized Aaron with its Membership Award. Aaron is also a member of the Ba'al Korei Institute at NSS Beth El. At New Trier, he is involved with Club Israel and the Student Technology Leadership team. Aaron is also on the swim and water polo teams, competing in both sports at the freshman and junior varsity levels. He plans to participate in Nativ 35 this year.

**We are so proud of our**  
NSS Beth El

“Man of the Year”

**Aaron Krumbein**

“Youth of the Year”

**Aaron Pickard**

**Mazel Tov**

on this well deserved honor!

Your community both adores and  
respects you!

**Yashar Koach!**

Rabbi Kurtz, Rabbi Schwab,  
Hazzan Goller

**Yasher Koach**

to our most deserving

**NSS Beth El**

**Men's Club**

**Man of the Year**

**AARON**

**KRUMBEIN**

With our love, pride and  
friendship.

Ron and Eileen Goldberg



*Aaron Krumbein*

*You are Our  
Man for all Seasons*

*With implements of the garden,  
ingredients of the kitchen and grill,  
tools of the home and autos,  
wisdom and strength . . .*

*But mostly  
with your gift of yourself*

*To each of us,  
you enrich our lives.*

*With Love  
from Our Family*

*One whose deeds exceed his wisdom, his  
wisdom endures. But one whose wisdom  
exceeds his deeds, his wisdom does not  
endure.*

TO

**AARON KRUMBEIN**

**A MAN WHOSE DEEDS EXCEED HIS WISDOM**

North Suburban Synagogue Beth El  
MAN OF THE YEAR

*Stacy, Jeffrey Sydney & Ellie  
Goldsmith*

*Congratulations on this well  
deserved honor.*

*Aaron Krumbein*

*You will always be our Man of  
the Year*

*Fondly, Bruno & Ruth Fischer*

MAZEL TOV

TO

**Aaron Krumbein**

NSS Beth El's  
MAN OF THE YEAR

Elise and Ira Frost

MAZEL TOV

TO

**Aaron Krumbein**

North Suburban Synagogue Beth El  
MAN OF THE YEAR

BEST WISHES

*Larry and Avram Pachter*

# **Aaron Krumbein**

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**Kol HaKavod to my  
Man of the Year**

Best Wishes,  
Ernie Smolen

# **Yasher Koach, Aaron Pickard**

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**2015 NSS Youth of the Year**

*The future is in your hands.*

Ernie Smolen

**Congratulations**  
**and Mazel Tov**  
**To the Mensch of the Year**  
**Aaron Krumbein**

North Suburban Synagogue  
Beth El Men's Club  
**Man of the Year**

**Gerald & Mimi Brin**

Behind every good man...  
**...IS A GREAT WOMAN!**

*I am blessed.*  
Thank you Ellie Sue for  
being my partner!

With all my love to you, our beautiful children,  
my Dad, extended family and my pals in the club!

*Aaron*

AARON KRUMBEIN

Our Eight Column Man of the Year!

Madeleine and David Solomon

The NSS Beth El Youth Commission is  
proud and honored to support our

**Youth Of The Year,**

**Aaron Pickard**

and our

**Man Of The Year,**

**Aaron Krumbein**



**A HUGE MAZEL TOV TO OUR FRIEND  
AARON KRUMBEIN**

**ON THIS WELL EARNED AND DESERVED  
MAN OF THE YEAR RECOGNITION**

**LOVE YA! ROB AND MARCY FREEMAN**

KOL HAKAVOD,  
**AARON KRUMBEIN,**

ON THIS WELL  
DESERVED HONOR!

WE KNOW THAT  
YOUR HARD WORK  
IS APPRECIATED!

*Eve and Rich Biller*

AARON

YOU'LL ALWAYS  
BE OUR  
MAN OF THE YEAR!

*Ken and Andy Saffir*



North Suburban Beth El  
Men's Club

Congratulates our  
**MAN OF THE YEAR**

**AARON  
KRUMBEIN**

In appreciation for your hard  
work in the past year and for  
the many years of dedication  
that came before.

North Suburban Beth El  
Men's Club Board of Directors

**We are so proud of our**  
North Suburban Synagogue  
Beth El

“Man of the Year”  
**Aaron Krumbein**

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**Mazel Tov**  
on this well deserved honor!

North Suburban Beth El  
Men's Club  
Board of Directors

THANK YOU  
**AARON KRUMBEIN**

FOR ALL YOU DO FOR  
NORTH SUBURBAN  
BETH EL

AND THE  
MEN'S CLUB

MAN OF THE YEAR 2015



THANK YOU

**AARON KRUMBEIN**

FOR ALL THAT YOU DO FOR  
NORTH SUBURBAN  
SYNAGOGUE BETH EL  
AND THE  
MEN'S CLUB

YOUR DEDICATION AND  
DEVOTION ARE SO  
APPRECIATED!

CONGRATULATIONS ON THIS  
WELL DESERVED HONOR

MAN OF THE YEAR 2015

MARK AND MAE SPITZ

## **Congratulations Aaron**

You are always our 'man of the year'.

*David and Judy Weiss*

**TO MY BUDDIES AT NSS BETHE EL...**

**THANK YOU FOR THIS HONOR!**

**YOU GUYS ARE THE BEST AND THE DRIVING  
FORCE OF THIS CLUB; IT IS A PRIVILEGE TO  
SERVE WITH YOU!**

**WITH MUCH LOVE & RESPECT, AARON**

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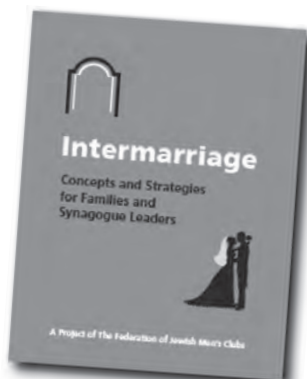
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## **Mike Wilde**

**West Suburban Temple  
Har Zion  
River Forest, Illinois**

Mike Wilde is a native Chicagoan who resides in River Forest with his wife Sue May. His father, Alexander escaped from Austria via the Kindertransport in 1938, was miraculously reunited with his parents in England, and resettled in Chicago. There Alex married Michael's mother Barbara; they raised their three children, Mike, Deb, and Dave in Rogers Park, where all three studied and became B'nai/B'not Mitzvah at Congregation B'nai Jacob.

Mike and Sue May have been active members at West Suburban Temple Har Zion, where their daughter Michela attended religious school from Gan through high school. While Sue May generously contributes her abundant gifts of cooking and hospitality to the shul, Mike early on fell in love with the Sukkah when he saw how much joy it brought to the congregation, and especially to the kids and to Michela. For many years he's been blessed to work with a wonderful group of people from the Men's Club and beyond to raise the congregation's Sukkah each autumn. Mike and Sue May also get a lot of joy from joining a great team of temple volunteers in the JUF food delivery program every Rosh Hashanah and Pesach, and from helping the local TriPADS shelter program in which the Oak Park and River Forest congregations play a major role. Mike has served on the temple board, and its education, building and social action committees.

The WSTHZ Men's Club is very proud to have Mike Wilde as its Man of the Year for 2015.



## **Ben Brotman**

**West Suburban Temple  
Har Zion  
River Forest, Illinois**

Ben is an honor roll student at Oak Park River Forest High School. He participates in the school's theater program and is an active member on the OPRF speech team. He leads Junior Congregation with Ted Loewenthal and they are the co-religious education vice presidents of their USY chapter.

He is an active member in regional USY events and attended the USY International Convention in Atlanta. He was a counselor at WSTHZ's camp for three years and works as a *Madrich* (teacher aid) for the religious school. He is honored to be receiving this award.





## **Ted Loewenthal**

**West Suburban Temple  
Har Zion  
River Forest, Illinois**

Ted has been part of WSTHZ his entire life - from birth, through preschool, Hebrew School, and bar mitzvah. He and his good friend, Ben Brotman are the synagogue's USY Co-Vice Presidents of Religious Education, and together have led the synagogue's Junior Congregation for the past 18 months. Every other Sunday, Ted works as a Madrich and helps the 4th and 5th grade Hebrew school classes. He and Ben are currently sophomores at Oak Park River Forest High School, and are working on their Hebrew High confirmation.

Outside of the synagogue, Ted has numerous pastimes. He has acted in one play (alongside Ben, coincidentally) and worked stage crew on another. He is soon to begin work on OPCON, an annual convention hosted by his high school's Science Fiction and Fantasy Club. He has also recently found a passion for poetry and is very excited to be one of six students selected to represent his school at Chicago's annual teen slam poetry competition, Louder Than a Bomb.

Ted is honored to be sharing the 2015 Youth of the Year spotlight with Ben and is appreciative of WSTHZ's Men's Club. He would like to thank his family and friends for supporting him, his Hebrew School teachers for inspiring him, and Rabbi Robin and Cantor Figa for always stopping by for Junior Congregation. And of course, the greatest thank you goes to Ben, for always being there and helping him hold onto his faith.

MAZEL TOV TO

***MIKE WILDE***

Our Sukkah Builder every year

Our 2015 Man of the Year

BEST WISHES

*WSTHZ Men's Club*

**West Suburban Temple Har Zion**

**Ben Brotman**

**Ted Loewenthal**

***Our Youth of the Year***

BEST WISHES FROM

*WSTHZ Men's Club*

Congratulations to

**Mike Wilde**

**2015 Man of the Year**

**We knew you had it in  
you!**

Robert Bloch & Barbara Kahn

In honor of our dear friend

**Michael Wilde**  
Man of the Year

for his steadfast commitment  
to WSTHZ & the Jewish Community.

*Paul & Judith Wolfman*

**WSTRHZ YOUTH OF THE YEAR**

**Ben Brotman & Ted Loewenthal**

**Congratulations and Best Wishes  
Judy and Ed Sachs**

*Congratulations to a most deserving*

*WSTRHZ Man of the Year*

*Mike Wilde*

*Judy and Ed Sachs*

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