



## MA'ASIM TOVIM AWARD REGIONAL MAN OF THE YEAR

### MIDDLE ATLANTIC REGION FEDERATION OF JEWISH MEN'S CLUBS 2016-2017



#### LEONARD ABRAMS

Leonard Abrams was selected as the Region's Man of the Year based upon our appreciation of his many years of devotion and hard work on behalf of Beth Sholom Men's Club, Beth Sholom Congregation and the Middle Atlantic Region of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs.

Len has been a Beth Sholom member for many years and has been involved with Beth Sholom Men's Club for the past 22 years. He was born in Reading, Pennsylvania and moved to Philadelphia with his family while still a child. His parents joined Oxford Circle Jewish Community Center where Len attended Hebrew School, learned to lead services, and chant Torah and Haftorah. He led junior congregation there for many years, a precursor to his leading services at Beth Sholom today.

After graduating from Northeast High School, Len attended Temple University where he received a B.A. in Political Science. He received his law degree from Villanova University Law School in 1973 and a post graduate law degree in taxation from Temple University School of Law in 1976.

Len and his first wife Delsey z'l moved to Elkins Park and joined Beth Sholom. When Len married Linda (long-time member of Beth Sholom) they continued to raise their seven children here. All of them were educated, became B'nai Mitzvah and were confirmed at Beth Sholom.

Len served in many leadership roles of Beth Sholom Men's Club, including religious vice president and Men's Club President from 2001-2004. He initiated many programs during his tenure including Beef and Beer dances, Beatlemania, scholar in residence weekends featuring Keruv, reading from the FJMC Haftorah Scroll and more. After serving as Beth Sholom Men's Club President, Len joined the MAR Board. He served as President of the Region from 2011-2013. Len is proud to have been the impetus for Tour de Shuls, a successful bike ride sponsored by MAR to benefit Camp Ramah. Also during his tenure as Regional President, the Hersh Muchnick Leadership Development Institute, a regional training session for club officers had its inaugural session and continues on an annual basis. Len is currently the Honorary President of the Region and serves as FJMC Chair of the Yom HaShoah/Yellow Candle Committee.

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Len enjoys collecting and listening to jazz and 60's rock music; vintage movies; TV shows and commercials; coaching Jewish kids sports teams; and organizing the Tour de Shuls. In addition to running a successful law practice, Len leads a busy home life with his wife, Linda. Together they are thrilled to share in the joys of their children and grandchildren – Joshua, Emilie, Miller and Piper; Chad, Lindsay and Jaxson, Joshua, Rachael, Samuel and Benjamin; Daniel, Amy, Lila and Isaac; Zachary; Rachel and Jenny.

Len feels Men's Club presents an unlimited opportunity to develop leadership, enhance Jewish education and create innovative programming to engage and involve men in Jewish life while providing service to their shul's community. The Region is proud to honor Len at the upcoming "Man of the Year" dinner and as Ma'asim Tovim at the FJMC Convention in July, 2017 at Washington, D.C.

Mazel Tov to Len and the Abrams family on this well-deserved honor.