

MAN OF THE YEAR AWARD RECIPIENT MIDDLE ATLANTIC REGION

FEDERATION OF JEWISH MEN'S CLUBS 2017-2018



CONGREGATION OHEV SHALOM OF BUCKS COUNTY, RICHBORO, PA JEFFREY M. BERK

FAMILY

Spouse: Susan Child: Lori (Scott) Steelman, Wilmington, MA; Cara (Rob) Levy, Collegeville, PA

EDUCATION Bachelors of Arts, Accounting, Certified Public Accountant

OCCUPATION Certified Public Accountant

HOBBIES/INTERESTS Grandchildren, Phillies, Eagles, Synagogue Board, Poker

BUSINESS HONORS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Treasurer/Trustee of Eco Charter School, Camden, NJ
- Consulting with non-profit and for profit organizations regarding business structures and operations

MEN'S CLUB OFFICES HELD

President and Treasurer

SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN MEN'S CLUB

- Worked with other Auxiliaries for programming
- Programming open to the entire Synagogue membership
- Starting Hearing Men's Voices meetings

FAVORITE MEN'S CLUB PROGRAMS

- Sunday breakfast meetings
- Dinners with speakers from the worlds of sports, politics and general interest to the men of Ohev Shalom

WHAT MEN'S CLUB MEANS TO ME

Our Men's Club is a place where the members can join in like-minded exchanges of thoughts and programs of interest. We gather in groups large and small for different kinds of activities, from night time football gatherings to poker games, to field trips.

REASON FOR THE AWARD

Jeff has demonstrated great and unparalleled leadership and organizational skills keeping the Men's Club focused and on track. Through careful spending under his tutelage, the club has made money, donated to the synagogue, and garnered the respect of the synagogue for our group. The recent barbecue on Labor Day Weekend, where Jeff ensured that the Men's Club did the cooking on the grill we acquired under his leadership, is just one of many examples of his dedication, and thoughtful insight that he brings to our Club and Ohev.

We've had great programs orchestrated by his direction and the breakfasts and dinners, as exemplified by the author of the book on Jewish boxers speaking to us and the FBI men talking about their investigation of Chaka Fatah and most recently Gil Hoffman of the *Jerusalem Post* speaking about Israel and U.S. politics, just get better and better.

It is apparent that he has done a tremendous amount of work, more than any other of our members this year, to further the Men's Club agendas both among our group as well as the synagogue, where he is a voice of reason for our organization.