



MAN OF THE YEAR AWARD RECIPIENT MIDDLE ATLANTIC REGION

FEDERATION OF JEWISH MEN'S CLUBS 2018-2019



CONGREGATION OHEV SHALOM OF BUCK COUNTY, PA MARK PODOB

FAMILY

Spouse: Dr. Christina Motzko

Children: Meredith Gornick, Greg Gornick, Joseph Mitala, Bert Mitala,
Sofie Motzko-Podob

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Engineering, Metallurgical Engineering (NYU '71)

Master of Science, Materials Science (NYU '73)

OCCUPATION

Business Owner

HOBBIES/INTERESTS

- Reading, Bicycle Riding, Sports Cars

BUSINESS HONORS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- William Hunt Eisenman Award given by the American Society for Materials for contributions to the heat treating community.

MEN'S CLUB OFFICES HELD

- President, Vice-President Programming, Vice-President Membership, Vice President
- At large; Regional Vice President of FJMC – Middle-Atlantic Region

SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN MEN'S CLUB

- Introduced Steak and Scotch in the Sukkah as an activity
- Arranged for numerous speakers at Men's Club breakfasts and dinners including Chris Ferguson, Commander of STS-126, the final Space Shuttle mission, sports figures, news and radio personalities and members of local government.
- Oversaw four years of continuous significant donations to the synagogue general operating fund.

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- Arranged for the Sefer Haftorah scroll and a Men's Club community reading at a Men's Club Shabbat service.

FAVORITE MEN'S CLUB PROGRAMS

- Numerous membership breakfasts and closing affair dinners
- Erecting the Sukkah
- Participating in the Yellow Candle Holocaust project

WHAT MEN'S CLUB MEANS TO ME

As a 30 year member of the Ohev Shalom Men's Club I have formed lifelong friendships with a circle of friends met through the activities of the club. I look forward to our Sunday morning services which has become a Men's Club service, each of us participating in prayers. The Men's Club has given me a sense of belonging to a close circle of friends where we discuss personal issues and share our common life experiences. As a board member of the FJMC MAR Region I look forward to seeing my co-members and doing the same.

REASON FOR THIS AWARD

Mark Has been a driving force keeping the Ohev Shalom Men's Club active and viable for many years. He is instrumental in getting and keeping many of us involved. He also has a tremendous commitment to both our local organization and the regional FJMC.

Any of you that have attended our events can also vouch for his salesmanship of the 50/50.