MAN OF THE YEAR AWARD RECIPIENT
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2019-2020

TEMPLE SINAI, DRESHER, PA
LEONARD BROWN

Leonard Brown has been an integral part of our Temple Sinai family for thirty years and is loved and respected by all. He keeps our building in shape, prepares rooms for activities and heads the maintenance staff – all while making it seem easy.

Born in Jamaica, Leonard came to Philadelphia with his family as a teenager in 1972. His first job was for Don Rosen Cadillac. He later worked for Progress Lighting, where he made chandeliers and other lighting fixtures.

He came to Temple Sinai in 1989 as an employee of a maintenance contractor. Although there were some issues with the contractor, the synagogue loved Leonard. When the contractor was let go the synagogue hired Leonard and around 1992 became Head of Building Maintenance overseeing a growing staff

Leonard loves watching the preschool children arrive in the morning and "lives" for the energy and special feeling in the building during the High Holidays. He is also thankful for the respect and gratitude he gets in return from the congregation.

In particular he thinks that the Men's Club's "Men in the Kitchen" catering is very special because it brings so many men (and women) together. He also cares about the Morning Minyan, taking the extra time to prepare the breakfast that follows each weekday. Sisterhood, Hazak, our office staff and clergy all cite his strong work ethic.

He does not say much about himself but is proud of his grown children – two boys and two girls from his first marriage. In December 2016, he lost his beloved, Doreen. They were married thirty years.

When not at Temple Sinai, Leonard likes to watch sports – basketball, track and field and soccer. He also plays a mean game of Dominos on steroids – and hope he will teach our club someday soon.

Leonard anticipates the needs of all of us at Temple Sinai, going above and beyond the call of duty, and that is why he is our 2019 Man of the Year.