



MAN OF THE YEAR AWARD RECIPIENT MIDDLE ATLANTIC REGION

FEDERATION OF JEWISH MEN'S CLUBS 2019-2020



ADATH ISRAEL OF THE MAIN LINE, MERION STATION, PA ROBERT (ROB) ZIPKIN

FAMILY

Spouse: Marla

Children: Amy, Michele and Vanessa

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry, University of Pennsylvania

B.S. in Chemistry, Drexel University

Central High School of Philadelphia, Class 233

OCCUPATION

Founder and Scientific Director, Med Chem 101, LLC,
a medicinal chemistry CRO.

HOBBIES/INTERESTS

- Keyboardist, Big Baby (A classic rock band)
- Travel and Hiking

BUSINESS HONORS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Drexel University Distinguished Alumnus Award, 2004
- Holder and Grantee of various patents and inventions
- Founder and Scientific Director of BioMol Research Laboratories/
Bio Mol International, LLP

MEN'S CLUB OFFICES HELD

- Rob has served as both president, first vice president and board member of the Adath Israel Men's Club (AIMC), where he continues to remain active to this day.
- Helping to plan and run events, pitching in on projects and activities, and serving as an advisor to successor presidents.
- Among his accomplishments with the AIMC is running the program for the Krystalnacht remembrances and the re-establishment of the Man of the Year award, which had fallen out of use for a decade at Adath Israel.

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- Under his direction, AIMC has switched its emphasis to award this to an outstanding leader for the entire AI community, not just someone who participates solely within the AIMC

FAVORITE MEN'S CLUB PROGRAM

- Sunday morning brunch with guest speaker program

WHAT MEN'S CLUB MEANS TO ME

Men working together for the benefit of our synagogue and the Jewish community. Building relationships in our synagogue community.

REASON FOR THIS AWARD

Rob is an active member and leader of Adath Israel's Men's Club and with the congregation as a whole. No matter what the task, no matter how large or how small, Rob is someone who accepts responsibility and always comes through with excellence and dependability. He continues to provide leadership and service now and he has so during the more than ten years since he joined Adath Israel, after a lifetime of service to Beth Tefillah.

Rob has been active at Adath Israel (AI) since joining. He regularly attends services and he often drives elderly congregants to and from the synagogue for events and services. He was involved in the negotiations that led to the merger with Congregation Beth Tefillah, where he served as a past president. He ran the Greenstein fund for Holocaust Education and has served on the board at AI. Currently, he and his wife Marla run the Israel Affairs Committee, a co-sponsor of the September AIMC Brunch.

Rob serves as a Director on the national board of the American Associates Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Inc., (AABGU) and along with his wife Marla, served as Chapter co-chairs of the Middle Atlantic Region of AABGU. He and Marla have hosted numerous events at their home to raise awareness of and funds for Ben Gurion University.