



MAN OF THE YEAR & YOUTH OF THE YEAR EVENT



WILLIAM WANKOFF **ADATH ISRAEL, MERION, PA**

FAMILY

Spouse: Susan Wankoff
Children: Jennifer Wankoff (daughter), Doug Weissman (son-in-law)
Ezra Weissman (grandson)

HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE

Overbrook High School, Drexel University
(BS Civil Engineering, MS Environmental Engineering)

OCCUPATION

Environmental Engineer - water utility management

WORK HONORS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Professional Licensed Engineer in Pennsylvania; Licensed Water & Wastewater Plant Operator in Pennsylvania; Environmental Engineering Consultant - water related Training Instructor Water/Wastewater infrastructure

HOBBIES/INTERESTS

Environment issues, fitness, biking, walking, resistance training, gardening ornamentals and veggies, current events, home repairs, being a grandfather, husband and father.

OTHER COMMUNITY OR JEWISH ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES

Board of Directors, First VP, and President of Congregation Beth T'fillah; Board Member, Adath Israel 2008-2012; Active member of Adath Israel's Tikun Adamah Committee; EcoTips author for weekly Adath Israel online bulletin; Senior Environmental Corp - Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education

MEN'S CLUB PROGRAMS/COMMITTEES CHAIRED

Adath Israel's Men's Club Shabbat; Dinner in the Sukkah; 5 years

ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN MEN'S CLUB

Active member of annual AIMC Sukkah construction team, team member for AIMC's Sunday brunches (6/yr); assist to shop, set-up & prepare brunches; Plan, shop and lead preparations for annual AIMC Shabbat dinner in the Sukkah; Participant in annual AIMC Take-over Shabbat service.

FAVORITE MEN'S CLUB PROGRAMS

Annual AIMC Sukkah construction; AIMC Sunday brunches - a real team effort on behalf of hundreds of AI members each year; AIMC off-campus activities; 3 Stooges museum; Pub nights; IDF fund raiser.

WHAT MEN'S CLUB MEANS TO ME

Provides the environment to contribute & support positive activities in the Jewish Community; Enables AIMC members to give more than take; Affords the opportunity to put into practice a few core elements learned from my Scouting days (Troop 218 - 65 yrs ago); to be helpful, friendly, trustworthy, cheerful and reverent.

REASON FOR AWARD

Bill is a mensch. He doesn't seek praise or compliments or any recognition. He just steps up, rolls up his sleeves and pitches in and organizes as necessary. He does the right thing for Men's Club and the community. And he has been doing it for a long time, first at Beth T'fillah and now at Adath Israel. As a vital member of AI's Men's Club, he became a key part of the team that prepares our monthly congregational brunches. He took on the job of organizing our annual Dinner in the Sukkah, and used his detailed organizational skills to build it into a huge success. He's a retired Civil Engineer who continues to have a keen interest in environmental issues and is an active member of the Tikun Adama committee. He's a proud husband, father and grandfather, and like him, his immediate family members also actively contribute to the Jewish community. Although a real stalwart for Men's Club, he is also an active participant in so many more activities than can be listed here.