

FJMC 2019-20 Quality Club Award Criteria (For activity from June 1, 2019 until May 31, 2020)

Mandatory Requirements:

Clubs must meet each of these requirements.

1. Online registration for the 2020 World Wide Wrap, and conducting the 2020 Wrap.
2. Purchasing and distributing FJMC Shoah Yellow Candles.
3. Having dues paid in full to the FJMC by **April 15, 2020**.
4. Having a current membership list submitted and/or updated between June 1, 2019 and May 31, 2020. [See Club Administration #2, where having 90% of members with a valid email address is worth one (1) of the optional requirements].
5. Active club participation in either:
 - (a) A Wellness program intended to provide physical activity for members. *Examples: Group exercises, weight loss, biking and running programs, OR*
 - (b) A Hearing Men's Voices program. *Examples: Discussion of father-son relationships; Men's spiritual being; or men and their work.*
6. Having a member attending either:
 - (a) A regional retreat, OR
 - (b) An FJMC consultant-led regional or individual club training program in the vicinity. (The LDI and FJMC Keruv training will count for this criterion.)
 - (c) If none of these options are available, a visitation by an FJMC International or Regional representative may be substituted.

Optional Requirements:

Clubs must complete any 10 of these requirements with at least 1 requirement from each category. (Note – there will be special recognition for clubs that complete all 19 optional requirements and all 6 mandatory requirements for a total number of 25 requirements.)

CATEGORY 1: PROGRAMMING *(Programs can be one-time events or ongoing endeavors)*

1. **Minyan of Comfort** – Developing a Minyan of Comfort training for your congregation, with your Congregation's Clergy, or having the synagogue develop an alternative Shabbat Experience like outlined in Building Shabbat Community.
2. **Joint Program** – Holding a joint program with a Women's League (Sisterhood) group.
3. **Jewish Observance** – Jewish Observance Program intended to include some kind of hands-on activity and not simply a Sunday morning speaker on the matter. Examples: Hebrew Literacy; Art of Jewish Living course; Torah study with the Rabbi; selling sukkah kits; Build-A-Pair Program, *Yad Shel Chai* Program.
4. **Community Service** - Community Service Project intended to represent a program benefiting the community outside the local shul. Examples: Delivering food to the needy; holding religious services at an assisted living home; collecting books and toys for an orphanage; etc.
5. **Synagogue Service** - Synagogue service project intended to benefit the synagogue or congregation. Examples: Ushering; printing a synagogue directory; a clean-up project around the synagogue; project to look through synagogue *tallatim* to pick out those that are worn and need to be retired;
6. **Men's Club Shabbat** (Friday night, Saturday morning, or both)
7. **Keruv program** - (Keruv programs are eligible only if the Men's club is directly involved.)
Examples: Programs to enhance welcoming in the synagogue of interfaith families. Discussion groups for parents on their relationship with grandchildren of interfaith couples; on their relationship with a non-Jewish spouse; etc.
8. **Shomrei Ha'aretz** - *Shomrei Ha'aretz* project. Examples: JNF carbon offset program; "Greening" the synagogue project; composting initiative.
9. **Father Child Program** - Father-child program or youth support activity. Examples: Father-child

bowling or attending a pro sports game; youth art contest; Camp Ramah scholarships; program on safe driving

10. **Joint Men's Club Program** - Joint program with another Men's Club (other than a regional activity). (This can be with a Men's Club outside of the Conservative/Masorti Movement.) Name(s) of other Men's Clubs must be submitted to satisfy this criterion.

11. **Purchasing FJMC Material** - Purchasing FJMC books or materials other than Yellow Candles in support of programming.

CATEGORY 2: CLUB ADMINISTRATION

12. Having someone in place as of **May 1, 2020**, to be the next club president. (Person does not need to have the formal title of First Vice President, but must acknowledge his willingness to serve, and his name must be submitted to satisfy this requirement.)

13. Having valid email addresses for 90% of the members on your club membership list. Based on *Chaverot* (FJMC will calculate)

14. Having regular communications to inform members of activities and/or meetings. Examples: Club newsletter; group e-mail; telephone tree; website; postcards; regular program advertising in synagogue newsletter

15. Having a written and adopted budget for the **2019-20** program year.

16. Having a published calendar of activities for the **2019-20** program year.

REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION

17. Having a member as one of the following:

- an elected FJMC officer (i.e. not a member of a Board of Directors or Trustees)

- an elected regional officer

- an active member of an International FJMC committee (past FJMC international presidents do not qualify simply by serving on the Executive Committee; they must serve on a committee)

18. Having a member attend a regional honoree program, such as a man-of-the-year event, OR some other regional event that is not training or a meeting. A meeting with a program is acceptable.

19. Participating directly in activity on the international level to help Masorti Judaism. Examples: Contributing *mezuzot*, FJMC books, prayer books, *tallisim*, tefillin, etc. to foreign congregations; corresponding with foreign synagogues to encourage their participation in the World Wide Wrap; contributing funds to Masorti synagogues or other institutions affiliated with the international Masorti/Conservative Movement.

Brief descriptions must be provided for Mandatory Requirements 5 and 6 and for all Optional Requirements

THIS IS THE LISTING OF THE CRITERIA ONLY. The scoresheet with your club's activities should be submitted online so that it is received no later than Friday, May 31, 2020. Any questions or comments, please contact Robert Cohen, racohenexec@gmail.com.