

Part I. Identification Information (cut and paste this section into your email and then fill out each line):

Submission Identifier Code supplied in a response to your first email: **150**

Full Title for Entry (80 characters maximum): **2007 FJMC Yellow Candle Campaign**

Entry Category: **1. FJMC Programs**

Contact Person to be listed on Torch Award CD: **Jim Sloan**

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Club number & Club name: **No. 1144 Congregation Beth Emeth Men's Club**

Number of club members: **48**

Synagogue name, city and state: **Congregation Beth Emeth**

Club President name (at time of entry): **Rick Kohl**

Club President name (at time of convention): **TBD**

Person preparing entry: **Gary Smith**

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Date of entry submission: **April 5, 2007**

Part II. Summary / Press Release

This *voluntary* section serves two purposes:

.First - to provide "Summary Information" and key words so that your entry can be found in the archives in the future

.Second – to provide "Press Release" information so that your community can be informed of this outstanding program created by your men's club.

The Men's Club at Congregation Beth Emeth (CBE) has been awarded a Torch Award by the International Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs for the Men's Club's Yellow Candle program in March, 2007. The award, which acknowledges programs and practices that achieve excellence, was given to the Men's Club in the category of FJMC programs.

The Men's Club and student volunteers packed the candles and prepared them for shipment to every congregant family. Donations for congregants from the campaign will be used for Holocaust related educational programs.

The Men's Club had stopped participating in the Internationally practiced event since 2003, when it sent Yellow Candles to the college students known CBE college students.

Marty Zelman, incoming president of Congregation Beth Emeth, and a long-term member of the Men's Club, underwrote the costs of the Yellow Candle campaign, and expanded it to the entire congregation.

Ila. Summary Information (up to 200 words):

Not available.

IIb. Press Release Body with Title (about 200 words):

Person writing “Press Release”/”Summary Information” who should be contacted by the media/readers for further information (Name, Address, CSZ, Telephone, Email):

Contact information for Temple Bulletin for submission of “Press Release” (Bulletin Editor, Synagogue Name, Address, City, State Zip):

Contact Information for Local Newspaper for submission of “Press Release” (Newspaper Editor, Newspaper Name, Address, City, State Zip):

Part III. Self Assessment of Entry

Respond to the following self-assessment questions with a maximum of 120 words for each. This will be used by the judges to focus on what you found significant in your effort.

1. Assess program procedural completeness and achievement of program goals:
The program was run professionally from beginning to end, using the time-honored and tested procedures accumulated over time from other Men’s Clubs and distilled by the FJMC in its program materials.

2. Explain presentation and documentation completeness –
Documentation is limited due to extreme time constraints of the entry preparer. I’m almost embarrassed at how bare-bones this entry is, and how last-minute it appears. Nonetheless we wanted to enter, despite personal constraints at getting this entry prepared.

3. Achievements of program goals, publicity, marketing and advanced planning.
The goals of the program included education of the congregation to the event itself; raising funds for Holocaust-related programming; involvement of non-Men’s Club youth as volunteers, and raising funds for holocaust-related programming; involvement of non-Men’s Club youth, and raising the profile of Men’s Club in the synagogue community as a facilitator of educational and historical programming.

4. Does the program enhance the image of the FJMC, region and/or your club –
Yes

5. Did you include information so other clubs can use this program
The FJMC provided this information, available on their website.

6. What is its value in club building - number of named club members participating vs. club size and shul size –**Five to ten named club members participated vs. none last year.**

7. What is the effect on club administration – grooming of new officers for club, shul or region –**N/A**

8. Identification of source of program or practice and description of unique aspects. Most programs were not invented out of the blue but evolved. Help us understand where it came from.

This program was previously successfully implemented at the former home synagogue of our Congregation president.

9. Identification of this program as an adaptation of a previous Torch Award entry or other program. Awards will be given for implementations that are particularly effective. The original sources of the programs will be most pleased to know that their efforts have borne fruit. –

Not able to identify at this time the congregation from which the program was in this application.

10. Identification of the part of the programming effort attributable to the men's club if a joint program with another group.

N/A

-Part IV. Entry Documentation

(Not available)