

## FJMC 2021-22 Quality Club Award Criteria

(For activity from May 1, 2021 until May 1, 2022)

### Mandatory Requirements (6):

Clubs must meet each of these requirements. An \*(asterisk) represents that the program/activity may be conducted virtually or physically in 2021-22 to qualify.

1. Register online for the 2022 World Wide Wrap at [fjmc.org](http://fjmc.org) and conduct the 2022 Wrap.\*
2. Purchase and Distribute FJMC Shoah Yellow Candles. If COVID prevented your club from distributing your 2020-21 candle order, the purchase requirement will be waived for this year.
3. Pay FJMC dues in full by February 28, 2022.
4. Submit (or update) your club's membership list on FJMC's Chaverot system, located on [fjmc.org](http://fjmc.org), between May 1, 2021 and May 1, 2022.
5. Conduct at least one of the following:
  - a. A Wellness program intended to provide physical health for members. Examples: Sports league; walking, running, biking, hiking group activities; weight loss program.
  - b. A Hearing Men's Voices program. Examples: Discussion of father-son relationships; men's spirituality; men and their work.\*
  - c. Inclusion activities intended to welcome all or any of the identified groups into the Jewish community by establishing or continuing at least 5 items from the Inclusion Committee Inclusion Implementation Guide.
6. One club member (or more) attends, virtually or physically:
  - a. An FJMC regional retreat,
  - b. An FJMC consultant-led regional or individual club training program. LDI training counts toward this criterion.
  - c. A club visit from an FJMC International or Regional representative may be substituted if none of these options are available.

### Optional Requirements (20):

Clubs must complete at least 10 of these requirements with at least 1 requirement per category. An \*(asterisk) represents that the program/activity may be conducted virtually or physically from May 1, 2021 to May 1, 2022 to qualify. There will be special recognition for clubs that complete all 20 optional requirements and all 6 mandatory requirements, for a total number of 26 requirements.

**CATEGORY 1: PROGRAMMING** *(Programs can be one-time events or ongoing endeavors. More information about many of these programs may be found on [fjmc.org](http://fjmc.org) under "Programs").*

1. **Minyan of Comfort** – Develop and implement a Minyan of Comfort program for your congregation, working with your congregation's clergy, or collaborate with synagogue clergy to develop an alternative Shabbat Experience as outlined in "Building Shabbat Community".\*
2. **Joint Program with Sisterhood/Women's League** – Hold a joint program with a Women's League Affiliate group of the same synagogue, if applicable.\*
3. **Jewish Observance** – Conduct a Jewish Observance Program that includes active participation, i.e., not just a Sunday morning speaker on the topic. 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** – Lead or participate in a Community Service Project to benefit your local community outside your congregation. Examples: Deliver food to the needy; hold religious services at an assisted living home; collect books and toys and deliver to a group home; etc.
5. **Synagogue Service** – Lead or participate in a synagogue service project that enhances or benefits your synagogue or congregation. Examples: Provide ushers for services; publish a synagogue directory; do a clean-up or organizing project; sort tallisim and/or siddurim to find those that are worn and need to be retired; etc.\*
6. **Men’s Club Shabbat** – Organize and host a Men’s Club Shabbat (Friday night, Saturday morning, or both).\*
7. **Keruv** – Lead or participate in a Keruv program. Examples: Programs to welcome interfaith families in your synagogue/congregation; discussion groups for congregants about interfaith experiences or issues.\*
8. **Attracting Younger Members to Your Club** – Encourage younger men to lead or organize a program of their choosing. Examples: Daddy-Daughter Dance, rock climbing, rafting, Olympics, etc.
9. **Father-Child or Youth Support** – Conduct or participate in a father-child program or youth support activity. Examples: Father-child group sports event or group attendance at a professional sports game; youth art contest; Camp Ramah scholarships; safe driving program.\*
10. **Joint Men’s Club Program** – Collaborate on a program with another Men’s Club/Brotherhood (other than a regional activity). This can be with a Men’s Club/Brotherhood outside of the Conservative/Masorti movement. Include name(s) of other Men’s Club/Brotherhood (s) in submission to satisfy this criterion.\*
11. **Steak and Scotch in the Sukkah/Beer and Bible** – Conduct an event in which ritual, bible, etc. is discussed in a fun environment.

#### CATEGORY 2: CLUB ADMINISTRATION

12. **President Elect** - Submit the name of your successor club president by May 1, 2022. This individual does not need to have the title of First Vice President but must have agreed to serve as your next president.
13. **Email List** - Submit valid email addresses for 90% of the members on your club membership list to “Chaverot”, the FJMC Membership system, located on fjmc.org.
14. **Communications** - Conduct regular communications to inform club members of activities and/or meetings. Examples: Club Facebook page; newsletter (electronic or print); regular group e-mails; website; postcards; club’s programs advertised and promoted in synagogue newsletter
15. **Budget** – Produce and adopt a budget for the 2021-22 program year.
16. **Calendar** – Publish (online or print) a calendar of club activities for the 2021-22 program year.
17. **Membership Drive** – Conduct a membership recruitment effort such as direct calls/visits to potential members, hand out bagels at Sunday School drop-off,

#### CATEGORY 3: REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION

18. **Leadership** – One club member (or more) is one of the following:
  - a. an elected International FJMC officer (i.e., Executive Committee member)
  - b. an elected Regional FJMC officer

- c. an active member of an International FJMC committee (past International FJMC presidents must serve on a committee to qualify for this criterion)
- 19. **Regional** - A member attends a regional honoree program, such as a Man-of-the-Year event, or another regional event that is not training or a board meeting.
- 20. **International** – Participate directly in an activity internationally to promote or enhance Masorti Judaism. Examples: Contribute mezuzot, FJMC books, siddurim, tallisim, tefillin, etc., to foreign congregations; correspond with foreign clubs or congregations to encourage their participation in the World Wide Wrap; contribute funds to Masorti synagogues or other institutions affiliated with the international Masorti/Conservative Movement.

**Please provide a brief description for Mandatory Requirements 5 and 6 and for all Optional Requirements.**

THIS IS THE LISTING OF THE CRITERIA ONLY. The score sheet with your club's activities should be submitted online and must be received no later than Wednesday, May 15, 2022.

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