

## Torch Award Submission: TA11- 094

- Full Title of Entry (80 char max): World Wide Wrap
- Entry Category (You can select up to 2, although you will only win in one):
  - Men's Club Shabbat     Yom HaShoah / Yellow Candle     Israel / Masorti     Hebrew Literacy / Ritual Literacy
  - Hearing Men's Voices     Men's Health     Youth Programming     Programs for Young Men (21-40)
  - World Wide Wrap     Shomrei Ha'aretz     Club Administration     Non-FJMC Program
  - Best Overall Programming\* [\*Best Overall Programming is not on the basis of a single program, but your club's entire year. A single program submitted in this category will be re-categorized.]
  - I'm not sure, so please select for our club's submission.
- Contact Person: Marshall Rubin
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- Club number & Club name: [# 1015] Adat Shalom Men's Club  
[Is it a Men's Club or a Brotherhood? Please specify]
- Number of club members: 46
- Synagogue name, city and state: Adat Shalom Synagogue, Los Angeles CA
- Club President name (at time of entry): Marshall Rubin
- Club President name (at time of convention): Marshall Rubin
- Person preparing entry: Kate Ferreri
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### Part II. Summary Information ( 2 – 3 sentences):

**This is our Torch Award submission for our World Wide Wrap. This program involves our Men's Club, our Minyan as tefillin trainers, our children and rabbinic intern. Our new rabbi will be more involved next time. We will also introduce the Build-a-Pair program next year.**

**Part III. By submitting this document, I certify, on behalf of the club, that this submission has not been submitted by our club for a Torch Award in a previous year.**

### Part IV. Entry Documentation

On February 7, Adat Shalom Men's Club had their World Wide Wrap. The Men's Club and Minyan of Adat Shalom both participated as tefillin trainers for the wrap. Our 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Religious School and their parents participated as well. Our USYers aged 16 and up participated as tefillin trainers also.

Our wrap started off with an abbreviated Shacharit service. We also used the FJMC Spiritual Tefillin Primer for reading during the service. After the service, our Rabbinic Intern, Ari Kaiman, gave us a dvar Torah on why it is important for every Jew to learn to lay tefillin. After the dvar Torah, our tefillin trainers came up to the front and gave a 3 to 5 minute talk on when they started to lay tefillin and why it is personally important to them in their lives. After that, we showed "The Ties that Bind." After everyone viewed the film, we broke down into groups of five and began our training session, with fathers and sons or fathers and daughters. Each group had one tefillin trainer. Each child, father and mother (if they wanted to) learned how to lay tefillin in the Ashkenazic tradition and also in the Sephardic tradition, and it was explained why the two cultures lay tefillin differently. They were also taught the different prayers you say when you put on the shel-yad and the shel-rosh, and why you finish wrapping the hand last, and that this is this is part of the veahavta prayer that they all knew, but now they are doing what they are actually commanded to by G-d. "You shall love the Lord your G-d. You shall bind them as a sign upon your hand, they shall be reminders above your eyes, and you shall inscribe them upon the doorpost of your homes and upon the gates." Thus they learned the true meaning of tefillin. That when you put on the tefillin you bind yourself to G-d, when you put the head piece on you put G-d before and between your eyes as you obey his commandments. After our wrappers learned to how to wrap in the Ashkenazic style the then

exchanged tefillin trainers and learned how to lay tefillin in the Sefardic tradition. After the training period was over all of the tefillin were wrapped up by the students. Then everybody lined up in a row in front of the bimah and were handed a set of tefillin each. Then our Rabbinic Intern asked them to put on their tefillin by themselves. Men's Club wanted to see if they learned from their training workshop. Every Religious School student graduating 7<sup>th</sup> grade learned properly, no mistakes. Some of the mothers and fathers needed a little reminder and some help. After they took off their tefillin and put them away properly. The kids did tefillin skits and tefillin wrap songs for their parents, Men's Club, and Minyan. After the wrap, everybody was treated to a lox and bagel breakfast, including pancakes and scrambled eggs. During the breakfast "The Ties That Bind" was played continuously on 4 monitors in our Social Hall. Men's Club put together a raffle and for five dollars a ticket, Men's Club raffled off a father-and-son or father-and-daughter set of tefillin. 3 sets of tefillin (6 total) were raffled off. Tickets were also presold during the month of January, so Men's Club made some money off this event. In the afternoon, 15 fathers, sons, and daughters took our tefillin and carpoled over to Veteran's Administration Wadsworth Hospital and did a mincha and maariv service for the Jewish veterans in the hospital and living in the home. Our 7<sup>th</sup> graders helped the veterans put on tefillin if they were unable to or did not know how. Our tefillin crew also brought along 50 new tallitim and 500 kippot compliments of Men's Club. We also donated 10 pairs of tefillin and presented it to the chaplain. Our rabbinic intern and USYers led the service. After the service, our 7<sup>th</sup> graders presented their dvar Torah and thanked our veterans for defending our country so bravely when they were called into action or volunteered. Our 7<sup>th</sup> graders presented our Jewish war veterans with the Adat Shalom Medal for Bravery for defending our country in time of war, compliments of Adat Shalom Men's Club and the 7<sup>th</sup> grade graduation class of 2010.

After the presentation, the veterans were treated to a lox and bagel lunch with potato salad, cole slaw, fresh fruit and fancy pastries.

I do not know how important it is to fit this piece into the World Wide Wrap, but it was important enough to these kids to include these men, our forgotten heroes of World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam etc.

For next year we also plan to add a Build-a-Pair of Tefillin program to our World Wide Wrap. Also, in future World Wide Wraps we will include our Jewish war veterans.

I respectfully submit this for a Torch Award.

Respectfully,

Marshall Rubin, Men's Club #1015 President