



2013-2015 Torch Awards - Application

Before you submit this application, please print out and review the "2015 Torch Awards Overview," available on the FJMC website.

Please complete the following information. The font for all submissions should be Times New Roman. Please embed photographs of your program into this file. This completed document will be submitted to us as a Word file, named in the format: "FJMC TA 2015_ChapterName_ProgramName.doc"

Please email your completed application to: torchaward.fjmc.2015@gmail.com. If you have difficulty, please contact the Torch Award Co-Chairs for assistance at the above email address.

Clubs participating must be in good standing as of March 31, 2015 (Club dues and Membership list received by FJMC). Programs to be considered for an award must have taken place between April 1, 2013 and April 15, 2015. Entries must be received by April 22, 2015.

Section 1: Title

Club Name: Congregation Beth Judea Men's Club
Current Contact: Eric Yegelwel
Program Name: Membership Retreat

Section 2: Contact information

Person completing form
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Club President at time of Convention
First Name: Eric
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Current Club President
First Name: Eric
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Section 3: Category

Please choose up to two (2) selections. Please note, you can only win in one category. The co-chairs reserve the right to reclassify your program.

- Club Administration
- Community Outreach
- FJMC Other
- Fundraising
- Health and Wellness
- Hearing Men’s Voices
- Jewish Observance
- Israel / Masorti
- Keruv
- Men's Club Shabbat
- Programming for Younger Men
- Shomrei Ha’aretz
- Synagogue Service Project
- World Wide Wrap
- Youth Programming
- Shoah Yellow Candle
- I’m not sure, select for our club
- Best Overall Activities** **To apply for this award, please see specific instructions in “2015 Torch Award Overview,” available on FJMC website**

Section 4: Program overview

Brief Summary - Please explain your program in 2-3 sentences.

An overnight retreat was held in February at a Lake Geneva, WI Resort. All the men in the synagogue were invited to have a firsthand Men's Club experience and to get them interested in joining the Club.

Detailed Summary - Please answer the following questions. Be as detailed as possible.

- What were the goals of your program? Are there specific problems or challenges that it addresses?
- How does your program enhance the image of FJMC, your region, and your club?
- What is its value in building or strengthening your club?
- Who is your target audience? (i.e. congregation at large, chapter, community)?

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- How does your program support FJMC’s mission, Involving Jewish Men in Jewish Life?
- Describe the source of your program and its unique aspects. Is this an original program or an adaptation or enhancement of a previous program (if so, which one)?
- Please attach planning and marketing materials, as well as budgetary planning so the program can be replicated by other clubs.

The goal of the program was to interest men in the synagogue to see firsthand what the Men's Club is all about, the types of programs we run and to build camaraderie. The goals were to have synagogue lay leadership become better aware of Men's Club activities and to draw new and younger members into the Club. All the men in the synagogue were invited to attend. The program ran from Saturday night to early Sunday afternoon. The retreat program consisted of such programs as Hearing Men's Voices, religious services, a wellness program on proper stretching and warm up prior to exercise, an Israel awareness program, team building and social activities. Carpooling was encouraged to make the event more environmentally friendly. This was the first time our club used a Retreat for attracting membership. A total of 29 men attended of which 10 were not members.

Program Planning / Timeline - Please provide a timeline of the key tasks, participants, and responsibilities required in order to make this program work. This may be provided as an inserted table or you may replace and insert as an embedded Excel spreadsheet. Please be as detailed as possible, so that other groups may replicate your success.

Task	Assignee	Schedule
Locate location	Norm Kurtz	Event - 4 months
Price weekend	Norm Kurtz	Event - 3 months
Select Menu	Norm Kurtz	Event - 3 months
Publicity	Norm Kurtz	Event - 2 months
Religious Program	Orin Rotman	Event - 1 month
Hearing Men's voices	Orin Rotman	Event - 3 weeks
Organize Wellness Program	Sandy Victor	Event - 3 weeks
Collect fees	Ron Friedman	Event - 3 weeks
Organize Ice Breakers	Jerry Sakol	Event - 3 weeks
Team Building Activities	David Granoff	Event - 2 weeks
Train HMV Leaders	Orin Rotman	Event - 2 weeks
Arrange for Hospitality	Allen Harris	Event - 2 weeks
Sing Along Leaders	Burt Fischman	Event - 2 weeks
Organize Carpools	Arnie Bender	Event - 2 weeks
Transport of Religious Objects	Evan Rumack	Event - 1 weeks
Survey feedback from attendees	Evan Rumack	Event +10 days
Evaluate Program	Men's Club	Event + 4 weeks

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Section 5: Certification

I certify that my club has not won a Gold Torch Award for essentially the same program in a previous year. (Previous silver and bronze winners in this category that submit an enhanced application only qualify to be considered for a Gold Torch award.)

Certification: Initials: SAV

Section 6: Pictures

For all non-Shabbat programs, please attach photographs of your program.

****REPLACE/INSERT YOUR PHOTOS HERE****

Breaking the Ice even inside



Hearing Men's Voices in action



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Enjoying a Sing-A-Long



Getting all Wrapped up



A Group Photo OP



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Section 7: Video

If possible, we ask that you please create a 3-5 minute video describing your program. Feel free to be creative in your submission, but try to include the following components:

- brief introduction, including name and goal of the program
- how did you encourage participation in the program
- how did you make the program meaningful to participants
- impact of the program to your club, synagogue and community

DO NOT ATTACH VIDEO TO THIS APPLICATION. Files are to be uploaded directly to YouTube, named in the following format:

“FJMC Torch Awards 2015_ChapterName_ProgramName_#”

Please review detailed instructions in the document “2015 Torch Award Overview.”

****REPLACE/INSERT YOUR VIDEO URL(S) HERE****

None - We can provide one if required.