Section 1: Title

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Program Name: Programming for Younger Men

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Section 3: Category

Programming for Younger Men

Section 4: Program overview

Congregation Beth Shalom Men’s Club has felt a serious need to recruit and engage younger men as active and vibrant members of its Men’s Club. Our Men’s Club also felt it was necessary to plan for the future by identifying and developing new leaders as part of our executive development and succession planning. Over the last two years as part of this initiative, we have planned several programs and events to introduce Men’s Club to younger men, which has effectively lead to several men in their 30s and 40s joining our Board. These younger men are the future of our Men’s Club. Developing and preparing these men for future leadership positions will help to ensure the continued excellence that our Men’s Club has achieved.

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We identified a need to introduce younger men to Men’s Club and developed several programs and events that are attractive to younger men. Our goal was to engage these younger men so that they would actively participate in the Men’s Club today, and enable us to grow and develop them as our future leaders. This initiative has been a resounding success, as we now have a number of enthusiastic members in their 30’s and 40’s who are either serving on our current Board, or joining our new Board commencing July 1, 2015.

The overall initiative included the following programs:

A. Men’s Club Softball
Our Executive Vice President identified a need for an event that is particularly attractive to men in their thirties and forties. He felt that an athletic league of various Men’s Clubs in the Chicago area crossing both the Conservative and Reform movements would be a great way to introduce Men’s Club to younger men. He then approached the Midwest President of the Federation of Jewish Men’s Clubs who fully embraced the idea. This led to a softball tournament in the summer of 2013 with three local Men’s Clubs. In the summer of 2014, a league was created with six local Men’s Clubs participating. This summer, the league has grown to twelve teams. The participation in our softball team has led to several men in their 30’s and 40’s becoming active participants in our Men’s Club activities with many of those men now stepping up to assume positions on our 2015-16 our Board.

B. Men’s Club Golf Outing
Our Men’s Club hosts an annual golf scramble. This is specifically targeted towards younger men and is used as not only as a social event, but as a tool to introduce younger men to Men’s Club.

C. Men’s Club vs. USY Annual Basketball Game.
Every year, we play our youth group in a basketball game. While we don’t ever emerge victorious against our high school age opponents, we are able to keep the games close as we have several members on our team in their late 30’s and early 40’s. Each one of those participants has been approached about increased participation in Men’s Club events and some have already stepped up to become active members. Those who have yet stepped up are very enthusiastic about doing so when their young children are older. This now allows us to have a list of younger men who are interested in becoming future leaders of Men’s Club several years out and as their children age and they have more time to commit to our various programs. In fact, we have recruited the USY basketball coach to come onto our board starting this coming year.

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D. Men’s Club Texas Hold’Em Poker
Our annual poker tournament has been a great way to actively engage younger men and has the added bonus of raising money for our Men’s Club and for Israeli charities. The bulk of participants in the tournament are in their 40’s and it is planned and conducted by several men in their 40’s.

E. Daddies and Darlings
Each Chanukah, we have our Daddies and Darlings event in conjunction with the Young Family Outreach Committee of our Synagogue. This is a Sunday morning event where dads and their pre-school aged children come for a pancake breakfast, all cooked by our Men’s Club. They then participate in a Chanukah related program such as building menorahs, and the President of our Men’s Club reads a story to the children. Most of these dads are in their mid 30s and this is an excellent introduction to Men’s Club.

F. Succession Planning
We had a void in our succession to the Presidency as our prior Executive Vice President tragically passed away a year before he was to be installed as our next President. A group of past presidents got together and through interviews and discussions with our Board Members, were able to identify our future Presidents for the next six years. Our next two Presidents are in their 40’s and are actively recruiting their contemporaries to become active members of the Men’s Club, which has become a resounding success.

G. Erev Thanksgiving
This past Erev Thanksgiving, we put on a program for families where the famous Jessie White Tumblers came to entertain the crowd. We also served dinner to our guests. This led to over 250 young men, women and children showing up to this fabulous event and served as another program that successfully introduced our Men’s Club to younger men.

H. Casino Night with Sisterhood
We put on a joint casino night this past fall along with our Sisterhood. We had over 100 participants in this event, many of whom were men in their 30’s and 40’s. This event was our social highlight of the year as the participants all had a great time.

The younger members of our Executive and General Board led most of these events. The goal was to actively engage younger men in our Men’s Club, and to recruit, engage, and develop them as our future leaders. This has been a resounding success, helping to secure the future of our Men’s Club through the training and development of our future leaders.

Section 5: Certification

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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: SR

Section 6: Pictures

For all non-Shabbat programs, please attach photographs of your program.
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Men's Club and Sisterhood Present:
An Evening of Fun
Saturday, November 15, 2014 at 7 pm

Join us for an evening out and have some fun. Demonstrate your table skills at the casino night, singing skills at karaoke, or your food skills, but whatever it is, join us and have some fun. There will be something for everyone.

Name: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________

Packages available: Amount: Total
I’m coming just to hang out (this does not include drink tickets or casino shekels) - $36pp - $____
Casino Beginner (this includes one drink ticket and $500 shekels) - $54pp - $____
Card Shark (this includes two drink tickets and $1,000 shekels) - $72pp - $____

DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 6 – Prices will be an additional $18 at the door - TOTAL - $____

Please make your check out to Congregation Beth Shalom Men's Club

Any questions, contact Robyn Rosengard at rgard4@gmail.com or Dan Sher at dan@sher.com

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12th Annual No Limit Texas Hold’em Tournament and Dinner
to benefit charities in Israel

Sunday, February 8, 2015
at 4:30 p.m.

$50.00 per person if paid by February 1, 2015 or
$60.00 per person at the door
Players must be at least 21 years old.

Great Prizes!!!
Flat screen TV * Gift Certificates and much more
Final table all receive prizes

Deli dinner to be served around 5:30 p.m.

Please complete the form below in its entirety and return with your Check or fill out complete Credit Card Information to:
Congregation Beth Shalom Men’s Club, 3433 Walters, Northbrook, Illinois 60062. Enclosed is my check made payable to Congregation Beth Shalom Men’s Club in the amount of $____________________ for ___ reservations.

Name____________________________________ Address_____________________________________
City_________________________ Zip_____________ Telephone______________________________
CC# MC/VISA (circle one) Exp. ______/ ______ CVV# ________

Signature X__________________________

Questions: Contact Steve Krug at krug11@yahoo.com

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41st Annual Golf Scramble
Deerfield Golf Club
Sunday August 10, 2014
All Golfers Welcome – Men & Women
Bag Drop & Registration: 10:30am - 11:30am
Box Lunch: 11:30am - 12:30pm
Shotgun Start: 12:45pm
Drinks & Awards: 6:00pm

Includes Box Lunch, Golf-Cart, Balls, Driving Range & Great Weather!
Prizes for Longest Drive, Closest To Pin, & More

Limited Tee Times – Reservation cutoff August 1st

Reservation & Sponsorship Information
Return to Congregation Beth Shalom, 3433 Walters Ave., Northbrook IL 60062
Attn: Men’s Club Golf

# of Men’s Club & Sisterhood Member Golfers: ________ @ $85 Per Person Total: $______
# of Non-Member Golfers: ________________________ @ $95 Per Person Total: $______
# Of Sponsored Holes: (Recognize Your Company Or Celebrate A Milestone (Birthday, Anniversary, etc.))
Sponsor: __________________________ Milestone__________________________ @ $25 Per Hole Total: $______

Total Amount Remitted: $______

Golfer(s) Name(s): __________________________ Match Me: ______
Others in Foursome: __________________________

Payment Information
Email Address: ___________________________ Phone: (H): ___________ (O) ___________
MC/Visa Credit Card #: ___________________________ Security #: ___ Exp. Date: ______
Signature: __________________________________________________________
Check #: ________ Please make checks payable to “CBS Men’s Club”

For further information, contact Larry Dechter @312-782-5100 or larry@addapearl.com

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Erev Thanksgiving Program
Featuring
The Jesse White Tumblers
Wednesday November 26, 2014
6:00pm Dinner, 7:00pm Entertainment

The internationally known Jesse White Tumbling Team has been thrilling audiences since 1959. Their acrobatic performances can frequently be seen during half-time shows for the National Basketball Association, the National Football League and Major League Baseball games. Their amazing performance is guaranteed to thrill and entertain all ages!

An Incredible Evening for the Entire Family!
$10 per person, $25 for a family of three or more if reserved in advance
Reservation form and payment must be received by November 23, 2014
$15 per person, $30 for a family of three at the door

Please complete the form below and return with your payment no later than November 23rd to Congregation Beth Shalom Men’s Club, 3433 Walters, Northbrook, Illinois 60062

Please Reserve ___ people @ $10 each OR 1 Family @ $25 each. Total remitted: $_____

Name __________________________ Address __________________________
City __________________________ Zip_________ Phone __________________________
Visa _ MC __ #____________________________ Exp ___/___ Sec Code ___
Signature ___________________________ OR Check Number ________

If you have any questions about this program, please contact
Larry Dechter at 312-782-5100 or Larry@addapearl.com

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