**2021 Torch Award Application
Temple Israel Men’s Club, Charlotte, NC**

**Category: Jewish Observance/Covid-19**

**Title: Monday Minyan Mixer**

**Date: August 31, 2020**

**Summary:**

**Details: This was a free program. We gave guys two weeks to watch the movie on their own time with the movie available on Netflix, Amazon Prime, and other streaming services. Our critic first discussed his craft and talked about how he watches a performance in order to write a review. He then gave his brief review of the film, including what he thought were the Jewish themes. The discussion was lively around the questions “did you like it, why, and what was Jewish about it.” Planning was simple—choose a film, choose a date, set up the format, and invite people to participate. This could easily be done after Covid in person with added refreshments at the synagogue or a member’s home, or even at several homes in a pod format with Zoom.**

**Timeline: Less than one month is needed.**

**Impact: The main impact was having guys who ordinarily wouldn’t get together to socialize join for the shared interest of talking about a movie. The added benefit of talking about the Jewish themes of the story and characters made it relevant to our club and guys.**