

*** * Men's Club Founder's Day Brunch * ***
*George Weinberger **** 2013 Honoree*



Save The Date !! February 3, 2013

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*Please join us at 10:00 AM on Sunday, February 3rd
as we pay homage to our deserved Founder.*

*This FREE event is open to the entire
Temple Beth Shalom community.*

*Please RSVP to Barry Schwartz at
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Temple Beth Shalom
Men's Club

2013 FOUNDER'S DAY BRUNCH

Welcome to Founder's Day
as we salute

George Weinberger

2013 Honoree



"Etz Hayim Hee, the Torah is a living tree. It is up to each generation to water and fertilize the tree, to prune it and to harvest its fruits. The gardener, not the plant, is the ultimate arbiter of what shape the tree will assume."

Temple Beth Shalom
Sunday, February 3, 2013
23rd Day of Shevat 5773
10:00 A.M.



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As our 2013 Founder's Day Honoree

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FOUNDER'S DAY BRUNCH PROGRAM

Brunch, Program and Awards Presentation

Greetings	Jeffrey Greif, TBS MC President
Star Spangled Banner & Hatikvah	Cantor Sharon Knoller
D'var Torah	Rabbi Geoffrey Spector
History of Founder's Day	Peter Gotlieb, Member, FJMC Executive Committee, NNJR Past President/TBS MC Past President
History & Recognition	Mel Jacobs, Biographer
Speakers	Ed Garber & Howard Muser
Presentation of Twp. Proclamation	Mayor Rudy Fernandez
Presentation of Award Plaque	Ray Siegel
Acceptance of Honor and Awards	George Weinberger, Honoree
Closing Remarks	Barry Schwartz, Men's Club VP Programming

PAST FOUNDER'S DAY HONOREES

Bernard Klausner - 2012	Sam Symchowicz (z"l) - 2006
Aaron Silverman - 2011	Moishe Rosenbaum (z"l) - 2005
Samuel Halper (z"l) - 2010	Murray Sklar - 2004
Dan Clarich - 2009	Jerome Rudy - 2003
Ted Schatzberg (z"l) - 2008	Irwin Bromberg (z"l) - 2002
Norman Kurtz - 2007	

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GEORGE WEINBERGER BIOGRAPHY
2013 FOUNDER'S DAY HONOREE



Biography By Mel Jacobs

George Weinberger - A Dedicated Man of Distinction

Few individuals have demonstrated the zeal, commitment and dedication to Temple Beth Shalom as has the exemplary person who is our Men's Club Founder's Day honoree today, George Weinberger. Never one to retreat from a righteously-felt and firmly-held position, George often sacrificed being merely popular for what he perceived to be the greater good for the shul - and all of us at Temple Beth Shalom have long been and continue to be the grateful recipients of George's grit and determination.

Born in Bayonne, the much younger of two brothers, George vividly recalls going to shul with his modern-Orthodox maternal grandfather Max, z"l". In fact, George was deeply inspired by this grandfather who not only was a large supporter of the synagogue, but who volunteered so much of his precious time in that endeavor. In addition, George's mother, Mary, z"l", was an active member of the Jewish Community Center of Bayonne. Fond memories of the strong Jewish community of Bayonne and the outpouring of Jewish humanity in the streets during the High Holidays even now brings a smile to George's face (Yes, truth be told, George DOES smile). During these early years, George helped in the lumberyard of the family building-materials business. Growing up in the immediate aftermath of the Great Depression,



like so many others, George's father, an accountant, (vot den!) made thrift the ultimate virtue.

As a very young man, George attended many New York Yankees games with his fervid Yankee fan-father, Joseph, z"l, "who regaled George with stories of all of the great teams of the 1920's and 1930's. Is it any wonder that George became a diehard, lifelong Yankees fan, now passing that tradition along to his own grandson, Sam?

An excellent student, George graduated from Fairleigh Dickinson University in 1960.

Having launched his career as an accountant, George commenced what evolved into a brilliant 46 yearlong career with J.H.Cohn & Co. Eventually, George rose to be a partner in 1969. Extremely competent in his professional skills, George has inspired loyalty and trust in so many of his lifelong clients, for whom he has been like a wise and benign family member, serving many clients, literally, from womb to tomb.

George met his beloved Sheila, a Jersey City girl, on a blind date in 1962. The "friendly and kind" Sheila shared so many similar interests such as fine music and Broadway theater with the "generous and thoughtful" George. Thus, it was "beshert" that this loving couple would marry at the Clinton Manor in Newark in May of 1963, almost 50 years ago. Blessed with the birth of their son, Mark and daughter, Sheryl, the Weinbergers first lived in Bayonne for almost twelve years, before relocating to Livingston in 1975, for its excellent public schools, and its vibrant Jewish community. Shortly thereafter, the Weinberger family joined Temple Beth Shalom.



What aspect of Temple first called to George? Fortunately, it was our Men's Club. It was there that George immersed himself in numerous Men's Club projects. So capable and passionate about Men's Club was George, it should come as no surprise that, after walking up the proverbial leadership ladder, George served as president from 1991 to 1993. Knowing that no one person can perform all tasks oneself, our Honoree realized that the key to a successful organization was choosing the very best people with whom to work. Following that time period, George involved himself on a regional level with the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, with his signal accomplishment having been his efforts which resulted in much expanded attendance at the Annual Man of the Year Dinners. As a result, George Weinberger was presented with the Northern New Jersey Region Meritorious Service Award in 1997.

George's tremendous contributions to Temple Beth Shalom considerably accelerated during his six year tenure as Treasurer. Arriving in this position at a time when our shul faced financial difficulty – and ably assisted by our Assistant Treasurer, Meg Sheerin to whom George gives much deserved credit – TBS's finances turned around through the institution of strict budgetary controls. To achieve this success, and utilizing his innate accounting skills, George knew that our synagogue had to be operated in a business-like fashion, to the extent that a temple could do so.

Who would have guessed that George Weinberger's greatest contribution to ensure the future of TBS would still lie ahead? Yet, during George's term as Temple Vice President for the following six years, not only did he fully subscribe to an officer's responsibility to attend most Temple events and to maximally commit financially, he would perform invaluable service way beyond the call of duty. Therefore, along with other forward-minded Temple leaders, - and most importantly TBS president

Howard Muser - George did recognize the pressing need to replace the outmoded school facilities as well as to obtain a much-needed second social hall and related retrofitting. With those marching orders, George embarked upon a grueling three-year-plus stint as the Temple's facilitator to the construction manager. Fortunately for all of us, George's work commitments at JH Cohn lessened (due to semi-retirement) just as this massive project unfolded. Through sheer determination and incredible expenditure of his personal time virtually on a daily basis, George truly made the improvement of the synagogue his overriding mission, with the able assistance of Howard Attermann, Sam Gershwin and other Temple members involved in the building trade. Admittedly, George does recollect that he was frequently on the receiving end of a gamut of critical and sometimes even contradictory remarks, at times being called stingy, to at other times being called a spendthrift. In the final analysis, however, the magnificent new building completed in 2004 made all of George's hard-working efforts completely worthwhile. Like so many TBS members, George does smile (once again!), and does feel so thrilled when he walks through the school building, seeing the happy faces of our children and grandchildren in this gleaming and spacious structure.

Having scaled back his accounting practice over the following years, (to the chagrin of his trusting clients), George has now retired, but he is certainly NOT retiring in spirit. With his long history at Temple Beth Shalom, George still serves as a mentor to our Men's Club and as a welcome advisor to our current synagogue leadership. A loving husband, a proud father and a doting grandfather to Jordana, age 13, and Sam, age 12, George Weinberger, our distinguished honoree, deserves all the accolades and more for the love and devotion he has bestowed upon us all at Temple Beth Shalom. Therefore, let us all wish George both a Refuah Shleimah from his current health issues and, most importantly, a hearty Yasher Koach for all he has done for Temple Beth Shalom!

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**UPCOMING MEN'S CLUB
PROGRAMS & EVENTS**

Men's Club Shabbat	Saturday March 2, 2013
Men's Club University with Rabbi Spector	April 7, 2013 April 14, 2013 April 28, 2013
Annual Beer-B-Q Dinner (taste as- sorted beers from around the world)	Sunday, April 21, 2013
Steven A. Gelman Memorial Health Forum	TBA
NNJR President's Dinner hosted this year at Temple Beth Shalom	June 19, 2013

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**UPCOMING MEN'S CLUB
MEETINGS**

Men's Club Monthly Meeting (open to all members)	Tuesday, February 5, 2013	8:10 P.M.
Men's Club Monthly Meeting (open to all members)	Tuesday, March 5, 2013	8:10 P.M.
Men's Club Monthly Meeting (open to all members)	Tuesday, April 2, 2013	8:10 P.M.
Men's Club Monthly Meeting (open to all members)	Tuesday, May 7, 2013	8:10 P.M.
Men's Club Monthly Meeting (open to all members)	Tuesday, June 4, 2013	8:10 P.M.



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GEORGE WEINBERGER
MEN'S CLUB 2013
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Please help your Men's Club honor our 2013
Founder's Day Honoree, George Wein-
berger. Your donation will help support our
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Club programming throughout the year.

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Club's 2013 Founder's Day Honoree, I have
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**T.B.S. MEN'S CLUB
"F.J.M.C. CHAPTER AWARDS"**

F.J.M.C. Quality Club Award

In 2007, the FJMC began the presentation of annual Quality Club Awards to Men's Clubs which had demonstrated broad participation in FJMC and regional events and conducted a varied schedule of local programming (the Quality Club Awards do not measure the qualitative aspects of programming; that is the role of the Torch Awards competition). Participation in the most important FJMC programs and organizational requirements are required, while others are optional to allow for local and club differences.

Men's Club earned a Quality Club Award in the following years:

2006/2007	~	2009/2010
2007/2008	~	2010/2011
2008/2009		2011/2012

F.J.M.C. Biennial Torch Award

For more than fifteen (15) years, the Torch Awards competition has provided an avenue for FJMC recognition of excellence in club programming. Many of the central FJMC programs such as the Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle program, Build A Pair, and Keruv, began as original and creative club programs which won Torch Awards. Clubs have the opportunity to learn from and adapt outstanding programs which have been successfully done by other clubs.

Men's Club earned a Biennial Torch Award in the following years:

2009	Silver Torch Award Plaque	"FJMC Programs—Hearing Men's Voices" Category
2009	Certificate of Accomplishment/Program of Distinction	"Non-FJMC Programs" Category
2009	Certificate of Accomplishment/Program of Distinction	"Men's Health Programs" Category

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F.J.M.C. Biennial Torch Award

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2007	Gold Torch Award Plaque	"Best Overall Activities" Category
2007	Silver Torch Award Plaque	"FJMC Programs—World Wide Wrap" Category
2007	Bronze Torch Award Plaque	"Club Administration" Category
2007	Bronze Torch Award Plaque	"Israel/Masorti Olami Programs" Category
2007	Gold Torch Award Plaque	"Non-FJMC Programs" Category
2005	Gold Torch Award Plaque	"FJMC Programs -Men's Club Shabbat" Category
2005	Bronze Torch Award Plaque	"Best Overall Activities" Category
2005	Bronze Torch Award Plaque	"Israel /Masorti Olami Programs" Category
2005	Torch Award Certificate of	"Non-FMJC Programs" Category
2003	Gold Torch Award Plaque	"Club Administration" Category
2003	Silver Torch Award Plaque	"Non-FMJC Programs" Category
2003	Bronze Torch Award Plaque	"Non-FMJC Programs" Category
2003	Bronze Torch Award Plaque	"Non-FMJC Programs" Category

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F.J.M.C. Biennial Torch Award

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1999	Gold Torch Award Plaque	"Club Administration" Category
1999	Silver Torch Award Plaque	"Best Overall Activities" Category
1999	Bronze Torch Award Plaque	"Club Administration" Category
1999	Bronze Torch Award Plaque	"Club Administration" Category
1995	Gold Torch Award Plaque	"FJMC Programs - Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle Remembrance Program" Category

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