

## **ROBERT A. LIPKA**

### **2018 Beth Judea Men's Club Man of the Year**



Rob serves as the Treasurer for the Beth Judea Men's Club. In this position Rob is responsible for managing the treasury of the club as well as designating charities that will receive donations from the tzedakah contributions. Rob will also be following in the footsteps of Beth Judea's 2017 Man of the Year, Louis Rabin, as he will be the Ritual Chairman for the upcoming FJMC Midwest Regional Retreat at Starved Rock.

In addition to his responsibilities as Treasurer, Rob is also quite active in the synagogue. He regularly attends Sunday and Thursday morning minyan and participates in Shabbat morning services where he is Hagbah and leads the Musaf Service when asked. Because of this Rob has been given the nicknames "Raizor" and "Mr. Musaf". Rob occasionally reads torah and was given the honor of reading torah at the 2017 FJMC International Convention in Washington, D.C.

Rob has been a member of Beth Judea for 18 years. He loves to travel and is an avid wine collector, primarily California reds. He has been to Napa and Sonoma Valley's and has toured many of the wineries there. Rob is also a big sports fan and is very loyal to his Chicago teams including the Cubs, Bears, and Bulls. Needless to say, tears came to his eyes when the Cubs won the 2016 World Series. The only thing that would have made it better would have been if he could have shared that moment with his late father.

Rob would like to thank his family for all of their support. He knows that they are very proud of this honor he is receiving. He would also like to thank the members of the Beth Judea Men's Club for this auspicious honor. He is greatly appreciative and humble to be chosen to represent his chapter.

## **ARI WEISS**

### **2018 Beth Judea Men's Club Youth of the Year**



Ari Weiss is currently a senior at Adlai E. Stevenson High School in Lincolnshire. He'll be headed off to college in August to study engineering. Ari has been extremely involved in the USY chapter at Congregation Beth Judea, BJUSY, serving on the Executive Board as Membership/Kadima Vice President and Junior Representative. This year, Ari served on the CHUSY Regional Executive Board as Membership/Kadima Vice President. He is also involved in USY internationally, having attended International Convention last year in Dallas and this year in Chicago, and participating in USY Israel Adventure during the summer of 2016.

Along with USY, Ari has also been a very active member of Beth Judea's religious school. He began Sunday School in kindergarten and continued his formal Hebrew education through Hey. He has continued to contribute to Beth Judea by volunteering as a madrich alongside his mom in the religious school for the past five years, since 8th grade. Ari's experiences with the younger students inspired his decision to run for Membership/Kadima Vice President in the chapter and then the region. He has enjoyed serving as a mentor and leader to many of the Kadimaniks and Kadinkers he has known since kindergarten.

Outside of USY, Ari is a member of Stevenson's National Honors Society and was involved with SHS TV. SHS TV involves students from all high school grade levels in broadcasting live on the internet activities at Stevenson, including athletic events and theatre performances.

Ari is proud and honored to be receiving Beth Judea's Youth of the Year Award. He thanks Marc Sender, CBJ's Youth Director, for his encouragement and for acting as a mentor to him, his amazing BJUSY and CHUSY family, and his parents, Debbie and Mitch, and big brother, Max, for their support and patience. Ari is especially grateful to Papa Bill up in heaven, and his Grandma Elaine for showing him the importance of being part of our Jewish community.



**MEN'S CLUB**



## **Man of the Year/Youth of the Year 2018 Dinner**

**Congregation Beth Judea Men's Club Honoring**

**Robert Lipka and Ari Weiss**

**Sunday, March 11, 2018 @ 4:30 pm  
Congregation Beth Shalom  
343 Walters Ave., Northbrook, IL 60062**

Join us as we recognize Rob Lipka  
as the Congregation Beth Judea Men's Club,  
2018 Man of the Year  
and Ari Weiss as  
Congregation Beth Judea Men's Club  
2018 Youth of the Year

Dinner reservations and display ad placements saluting  
**Rob Lipka and Ari Weiss**  
can be processed online

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Contact Jerry Sakol at [fivepie@aol.com](mailto:fivepie@aol.com)

Or the FJMC website at <http://www.midwestregionfjmc.org>

No communications over Shabbat, please!

**DINNER RESERVATIONS**

Price is \$36/person if purchased by February 28, 2018.

After March 3, purchase price is \$45/person on-site

**All ad submissions and payments are due by Tuesday, February 28, 2017**