

Just a Men's Club minute:

I am honored and privileged to have been chosen as your Men Club president for this year. I hope to use this column in the KOL to share my thoughts and desires with our members and friends. If you have not officially joined it's not too late to do so, we welcome your support.

The Executive Committee held a planning retreat this summer to develop ideas for programs and services our Men's Club can provide its members and the greater Temple Beth El community. We will continue our traditional activities, Sunday Breakfast Programs, Worldwide Wrap, Men's Club Shabbat and at the same time explore new ideas for programs and activities. We hope you, our members, and our friends, will be part of the conversation as we decide what to program. All feedback is appreciated.

The TBE Men's Club is a member club of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs (FJMC). This international organization provides support and training for clubs throughout the US and Canada. They hold a bi-annual convention which will be in Philadelphia July 2023. We'd love to see some TBE Men's Club members attend. We are part of the Tri-State Region which includes clubs in West Virginia, Western Pennsylvania, and Western NY. The President of Tri-State is Jonathan Epstein from Buffalo. Much thanks to Mike Miller whose current involvement in the regional organization has provided a valuable voice for Rochester. I recently attended the Leadership Development Institute (LDI) in Baltimore. The event was filled with comradery, ruach, tefilla and leadership training for Men's Club leaders. The most valuable part of the weekend was meeting and networking with fellow Men's Club volunteers, hearing what works for them and what problems or issues they deal with. I hope the information I learned at LDI will prove valuable as we grow and expand our own TBE Men's Club.

If you have any ideas, concerns, suggestions or just want to say hi, feel free to call me at 585 235-2584 - or email me at mensclub@tberochester.org.

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