



## 2013-2015 Torch Awards - Application

**Before you submit this application, please print out and review the "2015 Torch Awards Overview," available on the FJMC website.**

Please complete the following information. The font for all submissions should be Times New Roman. Please embed photographs of your program into this file. This completed document will be submitted to us as a Word file, named in the format: "FJMC TA 2015\_ChapterName\_ProgramName.doc"

Please email your completed application to: [torchaward.fjmc.2015@gmail.com](mailto:torchaward.fjmc.2015@gmail.com). If you have difficulty, please contact the Torch Award Co-Chairs for assistance at the above email address.

Clubs participating must be in good standing as of March 31, 2015 (Club dues and Membership list received by FJMC). Programs to be considered for an award must have taken place between April 1, 2013 and April 15, 2015. Entries must be received by April 22, 2015.

### Section 1: Title

Club Name: Synagogue Emanu-El Men's Club \_\_\_\_\_  
Current Contact: Charles Richards \_\_\_\_\_  
Program Name: \_Stag Night \_\_\_\_\_

### Section 2: Contact information

Person completing form  
First Name: \_Charles \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name: \_Richards \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail: \_charlesal@knology.net \_\_\_\_\_

Club President at time of Convention  
First Name: Charles \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name: Richards \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_charlesal@knology.net \_\_\_\_\_

Current Club President  
First Name: \_Same as Above \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Section 3: Category

Please choose up to two (2) selections. Please note, you can only win in one category. The co-chairs reserve the right to reclassify your program.

- Club Administration
- Community Outreach
- FJMC Other
- Fundraising
- Health and Wellness
- Hearing Men’s Voices
- Jewish Observance
- Israel / Masorti
- Keruv
- Men's Club Shabbat
- Programming for Younger Men
- Shomrei Ha’aretz
- Synagogue Service Project
- World Wide Wrap
- Youth Programming
- Shoah Yellow Candle
- I’m not sure, select for our club
- Best Overall Activities** \*\*To apply for this award, please see specific instructions in “2015 Torch Award Overview,” available on FJMC website\*\*

### Section 4: Program overview

Brief Summary - Please explain your program in 2-3 sentences.

Stag Night is our annual fundraiser It provides us with the money to meet our obligation to the Synagogue..

Detailed Summary - Please answer the following questions. Be as detailed as possible.

- What were the goals of your program? Are there specific problems or challenges that it addresses? The goal is have a good time and raise money for our club.
- How does your program enhance the image of FJMC, your region, and your club? There are several individuals that attend our event from other synagogues in the local area. It builds friendships with our group and members from others synagogues.

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- What is its value in building or strengthening your club? It is an evening filled with fun. We have a social hour with an open bar , followed with a kosher prime rib dinner and the prize drawings.
- Who is your target audience? (i.e. congregation at large, chapter, community)? The target audience is our congregation.
- How does your program support FJMC’s mission, Involving Jewish Men in Jewish Life? It brings together men of all ages for an evening of fun.
- Describe the source of your program and its unique aspects. Is this an original program or an adaptation or enhancement of a previous program (if so, which one)? This is a program that our men's club started several years ago.
- Please attach planning and marketing materials, as well as budgetary planning so the program can be replicated by other clubs.

It can be easily replicated. Our Stag Night is currently limited to the first 150 respondents at a cost of \$150.00 . We prepare tickets and assign a number once we receive a response. We have a large board with everyone's name on it. The numbered ticket stub is rolled and placed in a small bottle. The bottles are placed in a large tumbler and bottles are pulled at random. The first two bottles opened are losers and those names are eliminated from the board and the third bottle is a winner usually 40 to 50 dollars and that person name is pulled from the board. This process continues till all numbers are pulled, dollar prizes vary up to \$75.00. The last two numbers receive a much larger prize of \$500.00 and \$1000.00 dollars. The longer a name remains on the board, the better the odds of winning a higher prize. Last name pulled wins the grand prize. Approximately \$50.00 is for the food and drinks and approximately 50% of the monies received is given back in prize money. Depending on the number of paid participants, a group can easily pocket Five to Seven thousand dollars after cost. p Basically 30% of ticket cost is food, 30% prize money and 30% to the club.

Program Planning / Timeline - Please provide a timeline of the key tasks, participants, and responsibilities required in order to make this program work. This may be provided as an inserted table or you may replace and insert as an embedded Excel spreadsheet. Please be as detailed as possible, so that other groups may replicate your success.

The planning required is to have tickets printed, prepare and mail a letter approximately 40 days prior to the event with the deadline to return the completed form with name and mode of payment. Purchasing or ordering the food , hiring a cater to cook and serve the food, and getting volunteers to call the names pulled and remove the names off the board. The treasurer will have to put the prize money into the winning envelopes.

Task	Committee/Assignee	Due Date
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### Section 5: Certification

**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:   \_CAR                  

### Section 6: Pictures

For all non-Shabbat programs, please attach photographs of your program.

**\*\*REPLACE/INSERT YOUR PHOTOS HERE\*\***

### Section 7: Video

If possible, we ask that you please create a 3-5 minute video describing your program. Feel free to be creative in your submission, but try to include the following components:

- brief introduction, including name and goal of the program
- how did you encourage participation in the program
- how did you make the program meaningful to participants
- impact of the program to your club, synagogue and community

**DO NOT ATTACH VIDEO TO THIS APPLICATION.** Files are to be uploaded directly to YouTube, named in the following format:

“FJMC Torch Awards 2015\_ChapterName\_ProgramName\_#”

**Please review detailed instructions in the document “2015 Torch Award Overview.”**

**\*\*REPLACE/INSERT YOUR VIDEO URL(S) HERE\*\***