

## FJMC 2024-25 Quality Club Award Criteria (For activity from July 6, 2024, through May 23, 2025)

### Mandatory Requirements (6):

Clubs must meet each of these requirements. An \*(asterisk) represents that the program/activity may be conducted virtually or physically in 2024-25 to qualify.

1. Register online for the 2025 World Wide Wrap (online link coming soon) and conduct the 2025 Wrap or, for Clubs associated with a tradition other than Masorti, conduct an event which encourages a comparable ritual practice.
2. Purchase and Distribute FJMC Shoah Yellow Candles through <https://yellowcandle.fjmc.org/>. If you still have candle inventory on hand due to COVID, please contact the QCA Committee to discuss your club's situation.
3. Pay FJMC dues in full by February 28, 2025.
4. Submit (or update) your club's membership list on FJMC's Chaverot system, located at <https://fjmc.org/club-management/> or by email submission to [update@fjmc.org](mailto:update@fjmc.org), by February 28, 2025.
5. One member of the club reviews the FJMC Inclusion Resource Guidebook available at <https://fjmc.org/initiatives/inclusion/inclusion-resource-guidebook/> and discusses potential applications with the club officers and/or board. Club conducts inclusion activities intended to promote a welcoming environment in your club and/or congregation by establishing or continuing activities based on the FJMC Inclusion Resource Guidebook.
6. One club member (or more) attends, virtually or physically:
  - (a) An FJMC regional retreat,
  - (b) An FJMC consultant-led regional or individual club training program. LDI training counts toward this criterion.
  - (c) A club visit from an FJMC International or Regional representative may be substituted if options (a) and (b) are not available.

### Optional Requirements (20):

Clubs must complete at least 10 of these requirements with at least 1 requirement per category. An \*(asterisk) represents that the program/activity may be conducted virtually or physically from July 6, 2024, to May 23, 2025, to qualify. There will be special recognition for clubs that complete all 20 optional requirements and all 6 mandatory requirements, for a total number of 26 requirements.

**CATEGORY 1: PROGRAMMING** (*Programs can be one-time events or ongoing endeavors. More information about many of these programs may be found on [fjmc.org](http://fjmc.org) under "Programs"*).

1. **Wellness Program** - Intended to provide physical health for members. Examples: sports league; walking, running, biking, hiking group activities; weight loss program.
2. **Joint Program with Sisterhood/Women's League** – Hold a joint program with a Women's League affiliate group of the same congregation. \*
3. **Jewish Observance** – Conduct a Jewish Observance Program for the club that includes active participation, i.e., not just a Sunday morning speaker on the topic. Examples: Hebrew Literacy; Art of Jewish Living course; Torah study with the Rabbi; selling Sukkah kits; Build-A-Pair Program, Yad Shel Chai Program.\*
4. **Community Service** – Lead or participate in a Community Service Project to benefit your local community outside your congregation. Examples: Deliver food to the needy; hold religious services at an assisted living home; collect books and toys and deliver to a group home.
5. **Synagogue Service** – Lead or participate in a synagogue service project that enhances or benefits your synagogue or congregation. Examples: Provide ushers for services; publish a synagogue directory; do a clean-up or organizing project; sort tallisim and/or siddurim to find those that are worn and need to be retired.
6. **Men's Club Shabbat** – Organize and host a Men's Club Shabbat (Friday night, Saturday morning, or both).
7. **Hearing Men's Voices program** -- Examples: Discussion of father-child relationships; men's spirituality; men and their work. \*

8. **Engaging Younger Members** – Encourage younger members to lead or organize a program of their choosing. Examples: Daddy-Daughter Dance, rock climbing, rafting, Oy'lympics.
9. **Father-Child or Youth Support** – Conduct or participate in a father-child program or youth support activity. Examples: Father-child group sports event or group attendance at a professional sports game; youth art contest; Camp Ramah scholarships; safe driving program.
10. **Joint Men's Club Program** – Collaborate on a program with another Men's Club/Brotherhood (other than a regional activity). This can be with a Men's Club/Brotherhood which is not an FJMC member club. Include name(s) of other Men's Club/Brotherhood (s) in submission to satisfy this requirement. \*
11. **Steak and Scotch in the Sukkah, Beer and Bible, Torah on Tap** – Conduct an event in which Torah and/or Jewish history, culture or observance is discussed in a social and fun environment.

#### CATEGORY 2: CLUB ADMINISTRATION

12. **President Elect** - Submit the name of the successor to your current club President by May 23, 2025. This individual does not need to have the title of First Vice President but must have agreed to serve as your next President. Having the current President continue in office does not satisfy this requirement.
13. **Email List** - Submit valid email addresses for 90% of the members on your club membership list to "Chaverot", the FJMC Membership system, located on [fjmc.org](http://fjmc.org), or by email submission.
14. **Communications** - Conduct regular communications to inform club members of activities and/or meetings. Examples: Club Facebook page; newsletter (electronic or print); regular group e-mails; website; postcards; club's programs advertised and promoted in synagogue newsletter/bulletin.
15. **Budget** – Produce and adopt a budget for the 2024-25 program year.
16. **Calendar** – Publish (online or print) a calendar of club activities for the 2024-25 program year.

17. **Membership Drive** – Conduct a membership recruitment effort such as direct calls/visits to potential members, hand out bagels at Sunday School drop-off, etc.

### CATEGORY 3: REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION

18. **Leadership** – One club member (or more) is one of the following:
- (a) an elected International FJMC officer (i.e., Executive Committee member)
  - (b) an elected Regional FJMC officer
  - (c) an active member of an International FJMC committee (past International FJMC presidents must serve on a committee to qualify for this criterion)
19. **Regional** – A member attends a regional honoree program, such as a Man-of-the-Year event, or another regional event that is not a training or a board meeting.
20. **International** – Participate directly in an activity internationally to promote or enhance Judaism. Examples: Contribute funds, mezuzot, FJMC books, siddurim, tallisim, tefillin, etc., to international congregations; work with or raise funds for the Abayudaya community; correspond with international clubs or congregations to encourage their participation in the World Wide Wrap and/or other events.

### ***THIS IS THE LISTING OF THE CRITERIA ONLY.***

Your club's application must be submitted online at <https://awards.fjmc.org/quality-awards/quality-club-award/> and be received no later than Friday, May 23, 2025.

Be prepared to provide a brief description for Mandatory Requirements 5 and 6 and for all Optional Requirements with your online submission.

Any questions or comments: please contact the Quality Club Committee:

[fjmcqualityclubawards@gmail.com](mailto:fjmcqualityclubawards@gmail.com).

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