



FJMC 2026-27 Quality Club Award Criteria

(For club activity from July 1, 2026, through May 30, 2027)

Mandatory Requirements (6):

Clubs must meet each of these requirements. An *(asterisk) represents that the program/activity may be conducted virtually or physically in 2026-27 to qualify.

1. Pay **FJMC Dues (in full) and Update Membership** by February 28, 2027.

Submit (or update) your club's membership list on FJMC's Chaverot system, located at <https://fjmc.org/club-management/> or by email to update@fjmc.org by February 28, 2027.

2. Register online for the **2027 World Wide Wrap** at <https://wrap.fjmc.org/clubregistration> and conduct the 2027 Wrap, or for clubs associated with a tradition other than Masorti, conduct an event which encourages a comparable ritual practice.

3. Purchase and Distribute **FJMC Shoah Yellow Candles** through <https://yellowcandle.fjmc.org/>.

4. 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. The club participates in or 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.

5. Club develops, conducts, or participates in a program about **Combating Antisemitism** that raises community awareness of antisemitism or opposes antisemitism; these may include:

(a) Participating in a club or regional workshop focused on opposing antisemitism.

(b) Forming an Antisemitism Committee and selecting an officer to coordinate this program.

(c) Participate in a local or regional conference with any Jewish betterment organizations on the topic of antisemitism.

(d) Responding to a call for action from ADL or another organization to reach out to elected officials, asking for their support to resolve antisemitic threats.



- (e) Support a local Hillel college chapter; support local Holocaust programs or museums.
- (f) Host a film, invite a speaker or coordinate a social media session on antisemitism.
- (g) A club member serving on your congregation's antisemitism committee.

With reference to all above options, fully explain what actions or events were undertaken. Additional information and resources may be found at the FJMC Combating Antisemitism Initiative webpage: <https://fjmc.org/initiatives/combating-antisemitism/>

- 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 (21):

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 to qualify. There will be special recognition for clubs that complete all 21 optional requirements and all 6 mandatory requirements, for a total number of 27 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 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.

12. **Supporting Israel** – Develop a club project/program that supports Israel or provides information to the congregation and community on how to support Israel.

CATEGORY 2: CLUB ADMINISTRATION

13. **President Elect** - Submit the name of the successor to your current club President by May 30, 2027. This individual does not need to have the title of First Vice President but, he must have agreed to serve as your next President. Having the current President continue in office does not satisfy this requirement.

14. **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, or by email submission to update@fjmc.org

15. **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.



16. **Budget** – Produce and adopt a budget for the 2026-2027 program year.

17. **Calendar** – Publish (online or print) a calendar of club activities for the 2026-27 program year.

18. **Membership Drive** – Conduct a membership recruitment effort. Options include: invitations/flyers to new or prospective members to attend your men's club's events; advertisements in the congregation's monthly or weekly newsletter; direct calls/visits to potential members; hand out bagels at Sunday School drop-off, etc.

CATEGORY 3: REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION

19. **Leadership** – One club member (or more) is one of the following:

- (a) an elected FJMC International officer (i.e., Executive Committee member)
- (b) an elected FJMC Regional officer
- (c) an active member of an FJMC International Committee (past FJMC International Presidents must serve on a committee to qualify)

20. **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.

21. **International** – Participate directly in an activity internationally to promote or enhance Judaism. Examples: Contribute funds, mezuzot, FJMC books, siddurim, tallisim, tefillin, 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.

ABOVE IS THE LISTING OF THE CRITERIA ONLY.

- The application with your club's activities should be submitted online at <https://awards.fjmc.org/quality-awards/quality-club-award/> and must be received no later than Sunday, May 30, 2027.
- Be prepared to provide a brief description of Mandatory Requirements 4 and 5 and of all Optional Requirements with your online submission.
- **This committee perennially receives Quality Club Award applications from clubs that have not satisfied one or more of Mandatory Requirements 1, 2 and 3. To avoid delays and potential rejection of your application, please address these requirements in advance by communicating with the responsible club officer and/or FJMC International officer, before your club submits its application. Please be mindful that before your club's application can be reviewed, all mandatory criteria must be satisfied.**



- It is suggested if your club intends to submit an application to be a Quality Club, there should be a designated member assigned at the beginning of the year to ensure that calendar due dates for mandatory and certain optional criteria are timely.

Any questions or comments: please contact the Quality Club Committee:
fjmcqualityclubawards@gmail.com.

Quality Club Award Committee

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