



LOUIS RABIN

Congregation Beth Judea
Long Grove, Illinois

Louis serves as the Ritual VP for the Beth Judea Men's Club. In that position, he organizes the annual Men's Club Shabbat and recently prepared the services for the Club's post-Shabbat Winter Retreat held in Lake Geneva, WI., a very successful event attended by 40 members. He also served as ritual chairman for the FJMC

Midwest Region Retreat held last May at Starved Rock State Park.

Beyond his Men's Club duties, Louis is active in the ritual life of Beth Judea. He leads part of the Shachrit service during the High Holidays, leads services throughout the year, regularly reads Torah for the weekday and Shabbat minyanim, and is head of the Shiva Committee where he helps ensure there is someone to lead a minyan at a member's home, if needed, often leading the service himself.

Louis and his amazing wife, Judy, have been members of Beth Judea since moving to Buffalo Grove in 1998. They are the very proud parents of sons Benjamin and Seth. The family enjoys traveling, especially road trips to New York. They are big fans of the Second City in Chicago's Old Town and try to see every new review. Inspired by his fondness for the book *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance*, Louis has been interested in motorcycling for a long time. He finally acted on this interest by purchasing his first motorcycle last May. Since then, Sundays often find Louis and Judy taking rides out into the country, he on his Honda Nighthawk, she on her Kymco motor scooter. His dream is to one day ride Route 66 all the way to California

He would like to thank the members of the Beth Judea Men's Club for this great honor.



STEVE COVEN

North Suburban Synagogue Beth El
Highland Park, Illinois

Steve Coven was raised in Northbrook and has lived with his wife, Sara, in Highland Park since 1989. They have three grown children. Avi, 26, married Melody and made them a very proud Bubbie and Saba of Dita Shana, their 19-month-old granddaughter. His daughter Shoshana is 24, lives in Lakeview and is a personal assistant to a successful entrepreneur. Their youngest

daughter, Miriam, is 22 and graduating from U of I in May with a degree in hospitality management.

Steve's wife grew up at North Suburban Synagogue Beth El and they've been active members since their marriage in 1987. In fact, Steve has often explained to people there were three rules when he married Sara. First, they would keep a Kosher home. Second, they would send their children to Solomon Schechter Day School. The third he was given latitude on; Sara said they could live anywhere Steve wanted – as long as it was walking distance to Beth El.

So, to say they're involved at Beth El would be an understatement. Beth El is like a second home to them. They walk to services every Shabbos and for the holidays where Steve sometimes is Gabbai for the Torah Service. They are members of a Havurah and have sat on the Youth Commission Board since their children were young; Sara even did a stint as the Youth Commission Chair. Steve coordinated much of the High Holiday Services, which were conducted at Highland Park High School for 10 years, before passing it off to somebody else. He's been an active member of the Beth El Men's Club, holding various board positions. He's best known for his role as the "Kiddush Club Coordinator," where he arranges a deli lunch every four to six weeks for interested shul members.

Steve is deeply honored to receive this award. He wants to thank his family for allowing him the time to be so active in the Men's Club, his friends who he works with in the Men's Club and all who participate in the work they do to raise money for Beth El and the Jewish community.