

This was only our second Shamash Award, and we took steps to ensure that it would become a permanent part of Men's Club Shabbat.

The work began in the fall, when we formed the committee and began soliciting nominations through our synagogue publication, the Scroll; through the Men's Club's monthly online newsletter; and through other Men's Club communications with our members.

We set a Dec. 31, 2022, deadline for nominations and our committee, which also included members of the Sisterhood and other synagogue groups, waded through the forms and picked two winners: one for service to the synagogue (he runs the livestream for all of our services) and one for service to the community. The committee gathered via Zoom to discuss the entries and pick the winners.

The awards were presented as part of our Shabbat services on Feb.18, 2023.