



המרכז היהודי ד'פרסט הילס

Forest Hills Jewish Center

Josh Leeman

Josh is a junior at the Schechter School of Long Island where his favorite subjects are math and computer science. He loves to watch and play sports and has been on the school's baseball and ultimate Frisbee teams. He values the time he spends with his friends, sisters, and cousins and loves vacationing with his family. He spent the last six summers at Camp Ramah in the Berkshires, where he was awarded the highly coveted game ball in the Berkshires-Palmer softball game in 2014 and 2015. This summer he looks forward to being in Israel with Ramah Seminar.

Josh is honored to be recognized by the Forest Hills Jewish Center, which has been an integral part of his entire life. He attended FHJC Nursery School and Kindergarten, and was a Shabbat and holiday “shul kid,” attending services, playing handball in the classrooms, running up to the bima for Adon Olam, and an Ashrei Academy inductee! Since his bar mitzvah, Josh has continued to read Torah and Megillah and assists with leading the High Holiday, Passover, and Sukkot Junior Congregation. Josh also played piano at the annual FHJC Coffee House for five years. Josh is active in USY and currently serves as the Sababa Divisional Vice-President for Communications. In this capacity, he actively recruits new and existing USYers to attend social, educational, religious, and Tikun Olam events.

Josh and his family extend warm congratulations to the other honorees



Sam Leifer

Sam Leifer went to the Solomon Schechter School of Queens, where he formed a tight bond with his peers that continues today. He is currently in 11th grade at the Schechter School of Long Island, where he is on the basketball and volleyball teams. He is a part of the Peer Educator club, which mentors middle school students in preparation for high school. Sam grew up at the Forest Hills Jewish Center, attending Nursery School and Kindergarten. Sam is a regular in shul and particularly enjoys assisting with Junior Congregation services during the holidays. He is a past president of FHJC's USY chapter and actively attends chapter events. He loves attending USY events and meeting people from all over. He is currently on METNY's Sababa Divisional Executive Board as VP of Membership/Kadima.

Sam loves being a part of the greater Jewish community and is grateful to FHJC for providing a strong foundation to build on. Over his past summers, he has attended Camp Ramah in the Berkshires, been on two USY on Wheels trips, and has worked as a counselor at the Central Queens Y. He is excited to work at Camp Ramah Nyack this summer