



*Midway Jewish Center*

*Evan Ressel*

Evan Ressel has been an active member of Midway Jewish Center since he began attending Tot Shabbat as a toddler. He began religious school as a kindergartener and has been a student in Midway's Tichon Hebrew High School since eighth grade. He has been a Religious School Madrich since eighth grade. He has enjoyed participating in Midway's Jr. Kadima, Kadima and USY youth groups. Outside of Midway, Evan spent seven summers at Young Judaea's Sprout Lake and Tel Yehudah camps, and was a counselor at Sprout Lake last summer. He attended Alexander Muss High School in Israel for two months during his sophomore year and was named a Szarvas Fellow to join the American delegation to Szarvas International Teen Camp in Hungary for two weeks after his junior year. Evan has also been very active in Young Judaea Year-Round Programs, including three Alternative Winter Break volunteer service-learning trips to New Orleans, Charleston and Puerto Rico as well as many other year-round education and community service programs. In February 2018 he was elected National Mazkir (President) for Young Judaea, after serving two prior terms in the Long Island/New York City Region as Vice President and then Regional Mazkir. In his secular life, Evan is a High Honor Roll student at Plainview-Old Bethpage John F. Kennedy High School, where he is a Band Officer. He plays euphonium in the extra curricular wind symphony as well as in the school's wind ensemble and marching band. Evan hopes to participate in Young Judaea's Year Course in Israel before starting college to prepare for a career in public health. Evan is honored to be recognized with Omer Neutra by Midway Jewish Center as Youths of the Year and thanks the Midway Men's Club for the nomination