

## KESSER SHEM TOV AWARD

This event was originally set for last year when we would have honored our current honoree, **HERBERT KAISER – Tzvi Shmuel**. The unfortunate passing of Herby's mother, Chana Kaiser z"l, necessitated a change in plans. The new date follows Mrs. Kaiser's one-year yahrzeit and the unveiling of her monument earlier today.

Herby grew up in Elizabeth, with all his personal life-cycle events celebrated at Bais Yitzchok, **bar mitzvah, ufrauf, sheva berachos**. Around 2001, Herby joined our other *Gabbaim*, Herb Prager z"l, Bruce Epstein and Anchel Nulman, as *Gabbai Riivi*. When Bruce and his family made Aliyah, Herby moved up to the *Shelishi* position. He held this position until a year ago when he relinquished that position to join the Board. During these many years, Herby's continual presence was a given. In 2005 he moved to the North Avenue section of town when he married Judy.

Even in his new location, he was always eager to *lain* and give Lennie Brandwein a break. He was present on *Simchas Torah*, where he earned the moniker, **Herby – the "Make it happen Man."** His energy and enthusiasm, leading all the songs during the *Hakafos*, gave us a needed lift for Yom Tov. His communal contributions are many. He has read the *Megillah* for many unable to get to Shul, often at private homes and at nursing homes and once, at Bais Yitzchok, when our regular *Baal K'riah* was away. He is usually at the weekday 8:00 am Elmora Hills Minyan, where he often *lains*. For years Herby was in the forefront of replacing *machzorim* for each Yom Tov; changing the *Paroches*, Torah covers and table covers for the *Yamim Noraim*. Purim is always better with him there.

Herby has always been a strong support and presence for his parents, and with the loss of his mother, his display of *kibud av* - honor shown to this father, Hermann, may he live and be well, is always evident.

At Adath Israel (North Ave Shul), he is always there to help in any way possible and offer his skill and talents as needed. Our loss was their gain but he is present on Sundays and other times. We are honored to pay tribute to

his contribution to Bais Yitzchok and the Elizabeth Jewish Community. Mazal Tov to Herby, Judy, his father, Hermann and his sister, Hindy. *Kol Hakavod!*

## YESODEI HAKEHILLAH AWARD

With the Aliyah of Anchel Nulman and family over a year ago, an additional *Gabbai* was needed to support our *Gabbai Rishon* and Vice President, Leonard Lauer. We went from four *Gabbaim* to one. Therefore it was and truly a gift when Ira offered to become a *Gabbai*.

**IRA PENNER**, arrived from Boston, MA about twenty months and graciously offered his skill and assumed the *Gabbai Sheni* position. His move was part of the sale of the company he founded in 2001, Digital Publishing Solutions, to a Jersey City based printing group. While in Boston, Ira was very active in Jewish education and was on the board of the Mesivta of Boston and an adviser and fund raiser to the Haredi elementary school, Torah Academy, the Kollel of Greater Boston and the Boston regional Bais-Yaakov.

Although seemingly quiet and unassuming, Ira, has much to contribute. Learning the *minhagim* and practices of a Shul might be daunting, but Ira handled the challenge with confidence. On Shabbos morning he insures we start as close to 8:30 am as possible with *Pesukei D'zimra*. He is adept at *davening*, reading the *Haftarah* and anything else he is asked to do.

We are happy to honor Ira's participation in the leadership of the Shul and present him with the **Yesodei Hatorah Award** at this year's event.

