



CBS Men's Club Man of The Year 2023: Neil Rosengard



Our Men's Club is pleased to honor someone who grew up at Congregation Beth Shalom and then became an active CBS Men's Club Executive Board Member. Neil is the son of Larry z'l and Eileen Rosengard who were extremely active members of Beth Shalom back in the 1970's and 1980's. Neil had his Bar Mitzvah at CBS in 1986 and has really never left since those early days. Neil attended Glenbrook South High School and was involved in many activities including soccer, swimming, theater and choir. He also did play by play sports announcing on the school radio station.

Neil then became a Proud Jayhawk attending the University of Kansas. After college he worked for five years at the Mercantile Exchange where his father Larry worked and owned a successful Brokerage business for many years. Neil then found his passion for working in Sales and Special Events Production, which he has done now for over 30 years. He has been with his current company BBJ LaTavola, a specialty linen rental company, for the last ten years as Director of Logistics.

Neil first met Robyn Gaffen during summer camp when he was 12 years old while attending the all boys Menominee Camp in Wisconsin. Robyn attended the nearby all girls Marimeta Camp, and the two camps socialized often. College friends fixed them up years later, and in 10 months they were engaged and soon married. Neil and Robyn now have two children; 20 year old son Logan, a junior at the University of Kansas, and 17 year old daughter Madison, a senior at Glenbrook North.

Neil has been extremely active in CBS during his entire adult life. He has been on the Board of Trustees for over 15 years, served on House Committee, VP Membership, and VP House of CBS and VP House CBS Men's Club and is now currently VP Membership of CBS Men's Club.

One of Neil's greatest Jewish memories includes working with his dad and family during his early teen years helping with the Maot Chitim Passover deliveries to needy families. During those years, Neil remembers his father's words to live by: "Help others who can't help themselves".

Please join us in honoring Neil Rosengard for his years of dedicated service to our synagogue and Men's Club as our 2023 Man of the Year!