



BULLETIN

Unity Club

Celebrating Our 96th Year

WELCOME UNITY CLUB MEMBERS TO
The 2025-2026 Season of Fellowship, Learning, and Great Food

“Happy and Healthy New Year”



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Jewish Lives Matter Too (JLM2): Co-chairs: Larry Stempler, Dr. Mark Seglin, Members: George Russ, Mike Brick, Burt Kimmelman, Rick Bagolie, Andrew Auerbach, Joe Lemkin, and Dr. Jeff Kahn

Unity Club Dinner Meeting Thursday January 15, 2026 at 5:30 PM

Franklin Steak House

318 Passaic Ave, Fairfield, NJ 07004 Tel: (973) 808-9400

Parking is available onsite in the rear of the restaurant.

A family owned and operated restaurant, the Franklin Steak House in Fairfield, NJ has the reputation that has been built by offering superb quality food, service and hospitality in a respectful workplace atmosphere. We provide all our guests with great dining experience at an exceptional value.



MEETING PROGRAM



Ed Randall is a longtime New York radio and TV personality and published author. He is a regular contributor to the anthology shows on MLB Network. He also hosts the Sunday morning radio program Ed Randall's Talking Baseball, which airs on New York's WFAN-Radio and "Remember When" nationally on Sirius/XM Radio's MLB Network Radio channel on Saturday mornings. He served as the post-game analyst on the commercial telecasts of the New York Yankees on WWOR-TV and is a host in MLB.com's multimedia department.

He spent seven years in minor league baseball as a play-by-play broadcaster and pinch-hit as the public address announcer at the original Yankee Stadium in 2008 for the legendary Bob Sheppard.

Ed Randall was treated for prostate cancer and is the Founder and Chief Advocacy Officer of Fans for the Cure, a non-profit charity, a 501(c)(3) organization he started in 2003 to promote prostate cancer awareness and focus on the importance of testing in achieving early detection and best outcomes. He will mix his conversation with health issues and sports including a lively question and answers period!

Please Reserve a spot at the dinner by:

REPLYING TO THIS EMAIL

or use the following link: stuart.levitch@gmail.com

Make sure you indicate "YES" or "NO" and a guest's (prospective member) name, if applicable

Save the Date:

Thursday, Jan, 8, 2026 – Next Unity Club Executive Board Meeting

Thursday, January 15, 2026 – Next Unity Club Dinner Meeting

NEW MEMBERS

Please do consider which of your friends, business associates and acquaintances might make good Unity Club members. Ask potential members to visit our website, www.UnityClub.org. More importantly, invite them to attend one of our dinners!

UNITY CLUB EXECUTIVEBOARD & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

All Unity Club Executive meetings are open to members. We meet on the first Thursday of each month (September thru January and March thru June) at 5:30 PM at a Callandra's Il Vecchio Café 234 Bloomfield Ave, Caldwell, NJ to plan events, have a nosh and kibbitz a little.

THE UNITY CLUB

The Unity Club was formed in 1930. The purpose of the club is to provide a social benefit of its members, for the cultivation of civic understanding, for the establishment of a forum for the cultural and social enjoyment of its members, and to promote the general welfare of its constituents. In addition, the Unity Club has a rich history of educating its members with Jewish culture and information and proving philanthropy to the community.

THE SANDY LAINER FUND

The Sandy Lainer Fund is used to recognize significant events to the Unity Club Brothers and will support charitable contributions to Jewish organizations. It will work in conjunction with Jewish Lives Matter Too and members are encouraged to contribute to their efforts.

JEWISH LIVES MATTER TOO (JLM2) - US and ISRAEL

As the holiday season rolls on and we all hopefully enjoyed good quality time with our families , the JLM2 committee was busy as ever . We continue and react as needed to the ongoing challenges Jews face not only locally with various incidences that require our attention to combat Jew hatred and Israel bashing but we all faced the horrors of the Australian attack on Jews innocently murdered on Bondi Beach and again watch with horror with many indulging in moral inversion making those innocents the guilty encouraging such actions. In Response we join the Jewish community at large and its numerous non-profit organizations in devising strategies to change the dynamics while educating the public on the truth and historical realities . Simultaneously we marvel at the resilience and depth of Israel strengths exhibited daily. We watch with great pride as we see Israeli sign military alliances with Greece and Cyprus , be first to recognize independence Somaliland both brilliant strategic achievement to counterweight Threats from Turkey and Iran all the while becoming a major military exporter to places like Germany and declaring its own plan to be an independent military supplier at cost of 110 billion dollars over 10 years. Frankly we applaud its commitment and leadership while take note of possible negative impact here at home

As to our direct involvement we have plans for at least 2-3 zoom meetings with prominent figures to continue to engage and educate us on all these fronts while expanding our footprints with all our stakeholders in the community We further continue to encourage each of you to stay involved and

ask if have not already sign the petitions to encourage NJ to pass the IHRA legislation and watch federal actions and proposed laws to combat anti-Semitism which we will continue to monitor and report.

Stay tuned as we plan an exciting year to be involved and engaged. Happy healthy New Year to all.

Am Yisrael Chai
Never again is now.

Dr Mark Seglin and Larry A Stempler
co chairs JLM2 Unity Club



This section of our newsletter reflects the caring of our membership. Please send any information (either good news or bad news) you want to share with the membership to Stuart Levitch at stuart.levitch@gmail.com.

NOTE: Until further notice please make checks payable to Unity Club and mail all checks to: Unity Club, P.O. Box 348, Livingston, NJ 07039



HUMOR PAGE

A Jewish lady named Mrs. Rosenberg was stranded late one night at a fancy resort - one that did not admit Jews. The desk clerk looked down at his book and said, "Sorry. The hotel is full."

"But your sign says you have vacancies."

The desk clerk stammered, then said curtly, "You know we do not admit Jews. Now if you'd try the other side of town."

Mrs. Rosenberg stiffened and said, "I'll have you know I converted to your religion."

The desk clerk said, "Oh, yeah? Let me give you a test. How was Jesus born?"

"He was born to a virgin named Mary in a little town called Bethlehem."

"Very good," said the clerk. "What else?"

"He was born in a manger."

"That's right," said the clerk. "And why was he born in a manger?"

Mrs. Rosenberg replied, "Because a jerk like you at the hotel wouldn't give a Jewish lady a room!"

A woman came home late after a girls' night out and quietly opened the door to her bedroom.

From under the blanket she saw four legs instead of two. She took a baseball bat from a closet and started hitting the blanket as hard as she could.

Then she went to the kitchen to have a drink and there was her husband, reading a magazine.

He looked up and said, "Hi, darling. Your parents came to visit so I let them stay in our bedroom. Did you say hello?"

A guy looking in the classifieds for a used car saw a new Corvette listed for \$50. Thinking it was a misprint, he decided to go check it out anyway.

At the seller's house he discovered it was a dream car, not a scratch on it and it ran well.

"Ma'am, I want to buy this car," he said to the woman selling it. "But the paper said it was only \$50. What do you really want for it?"

"That's right, \$50 & it's yours," she said.

"Excuse me, ma'am, but why are you selling it so cheap? Is it stolen or something?" the guy asked.

"No," she said. "It's my husband's car. He ran off with his secretary last month and two days ago I got a telegram from him saying to sell the Corvette and send him the money."