



BULLETIN

Unity Club

Celebrating Our 96th Year

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

“Happy Purim”



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**Unity Club Dinner Meeting
Thursday March 19, 2026 at 5:30 PM**

Bella Italia

535 Central Avenue Orange, NJ 07050

Phone: 973-678-5538 or 973-676-4300

(Parking is located on the side and rear of the restaurant)

At Bella Italia, they blend an old world inspired menu with the warmth of the Mediterranean sun in a setting of classical elegance. They specialize in the freshest seafood, authentic veal dishes, seasonal, homemade pastas, and exquisite meat dishes to satisfy the most refined tastes. They expertly combine the Italian art of eating well with a tradition of hospitality. At Bella Italia, they have something for everyone and are certain that their diverse offerings will excite and delight you. Dinner will be served "Family Style"



MEETING PROGRAM – Max Kleinman

Topic: How to Confront the Enduring Hatred of Antisemitism

Born on Manhattan's Lower East Side to Holocaust survivors from Poland, Kleinman grew up in the heavily Jewish Pelham Parkway section of the Bronx. His father, Eli, was president of Young Israel of Pelham Parkway, one of the largest synagogues in the Bronx, for 19 years.

For two decades, Max Kleinman was the CEO of the Jewish Federation Of Greater Metrowest , New Jersey, and its Jewish Community Foundation. Previously he was the CEO of the Minneapolis Jewish Federation. He has been on the faculty of the Rutgers University School of Social Work and also taught at Yeshiva University.

He serves on numerous Boards including the Advisory Board of Boys Town International in Jerusalem. Currently Max is a consultant for the Jewish Community Legacy Project and Chairs the Combating Antisemitism Initiative for Congregation Agudath Israel in Caldwell, NJ.

He is a renowned columnist for the NJ Jewish News, one of the largest weekly publications in the State of New Jersey.

Please Reserve a spot at the dinner by:

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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, April 9, 2026 – Next Unity Club Executive Board Meeting

Thursday, April 16, 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

JLM2 continues to meet its mission in staying in the ongoing challenging environment to combat anti-semitism end Jew hatred and Israel bashing. We are most active in establishing strategic alliances and partnerships with Jewish organizations to advance our cause and do our utmost to make sure Unity club members through our committee stay relevant and have seat at table of this struggle.

Our committee (we want to welcome our newest member to our group Alan Segall) in addition to daily activities Met as a committee twice since last report in outlining and organizing our work. We initiated our inaugural zoom conference which Larry hosted Avi Posnick regional executive director of STANDWITHUS (SWU) in February 19 Avi discussed SWU rewarding and outstanding role to help educate students from high school through college to teach all how to advocate for Israel and counter the misinformation and lies that our students confront in academia. It evolved into a group discussion that revealed abundant interjections and cultural resources within Unity. We really need to appreciate what we can bring to the effort to secure the future of our children and grandchildren if we get involved. We all need to stand behind and support such worthwhile efforts.

For those who joined in call thanks but we must say having about 25% turnout was most disappointing We are planning other zoom meetings and hope more can join in our efforts Our next which we are finalizing will be a spokesperson from FIDF on their outreach for mental health facilities throughout Israel to address the countries PTSD crisis created since October 7. We encourage everyone to be involved and do what they can personally financially to show support

Am Yisrael Chai
Never again is now.

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



The Unity Club sends:

- **Our condolences go out to Lenny Kietz and his family on the passing of his brother Alvin. May his memory be of a blessing.**
- **Our condolences go out to Joseph Lemkin and his family on the passing of his mother Marilyn. May her memory be of a blessing.**
- **Our condolences go out to Rabbi Dennis Tobin and his family on the passing of his wife Peggy. May her memory be of a blessing.**
- **Our wishes for a speedy recovery after their surgeries to both Steve Shiller and Barry Sussman.**

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 young man with a few hours to spare one afternoon figures that if he hurries and plays very fast, he can get in nine holes before he has to head home. As he is about to tee off, an old gentleman shuffles onto the tee and asks if he can join him. Although worried this will slow him up, the younger man says, "Of course." To his surprise, the old man plays quickly. He doesn't hit the ball very far, but it goes straight. Furthermore, the old man moves along without wasting any time.

When they reach the 9th fairway, the young man is facing a tough shot. A large pine tree sits in front of his ball, directly between it and the green. After several minutes of pondering how to hit the shot, the old man says, "You know, when I was your age, I'd hit the ball right over that tree." With the challenge before him, the young man swings hard, hits the ball, watches it fly into the branches, rattle around, and land with a thud a foot from where it had started.

"Of course," says the old man, "when I was your age, that tree was only three feet tall."

"An elderly man rear-ended a guy driving an expensive European sports car. Enraged, the guy hops out and confronts the old man. He yells, "Look what you did to my car! You're going to give me \$10,000 right now or I'm going to beat you to a pulp!"

"Oh my..." the old man said nervously. "I don't have that kind of money. Let me call my son." he said with hope. "He trains dolphins and he will know what to do."

"Dolphins!" the other driver huffed, while rolling his eyes.

The old man pulled out his phone, dialed his son, and just as his son answered, the irate man snatched the phone away from the old man.

"So, YOU'RE a dolphin trainer, huh?" The irate man yelled, "Well, your old man here just rear-ended my car and I need TEN GRAND right now, or I'm going to beat you AND your old man to a pulp!"

"I'll be there in 10 minutes." says the voice calmly on the other end.

Exactly 10 minutes later, a Jeep pulls up and a guy hops out and proceeds to pulverize the bully, leaving him in a heap on the side of the road.

When he finished, he walked over to his father and said, "For the last time dad, I train Seals... Navy Seals. NOT dolphins!"

One of my golfing buddies only gets to play once a month, the other gets to play once every two weeks. They asked me how is it that I get to play every day

I tell them it's pretty simple. When I wake up in the morning I roll over and say to my wife, "golf or sex?" She said "don't forget your jacket, it's going to be cool out there today"!