

**TEMPLE BETH ABRAHAM KETER SHEM TOV AWARD 2019**  
**DR. ALAN GREEN**

It is our privilege to honor Dr. Alan Green with the Keter Shem Tov Award, in recognition of his work in the Jewish and secular communities of Greater Nashua, as well as other communities in New England. In Perkei Avot, we learn that there are three crowns, Torah, Priesthood, and Kingship, but the crown of a good name is above them all. Highly respected in the community, Alan is incredibly deserving of this award.

He is a community leader who joined Temple Beth Abraham when he and his wife Becky moved to Nashua in 1977. Since then, he has served on the Synagogue Cemetery Committee, the School Committee, the Fundraising Committee, as chairman of the Ritual Committee, and as secretary for the Temple Executive Board for many years. Alan is also a member of the Southern NH Jewish Men's Club, and served on two Rabbi Search Committees. For many years, he led High Holiday Services at the Hebrew School as the Chazzan. Many people do not know that Alan is an accomplished Hebrew calligrapher, who has written many beautiful invitations and announcements of Simchat in our Congregation.

He is a regular attendee at Shabbat Services where he often serves as Gabbai, and has led the nightly Minyan many times. Alan is an active member of J Street and served on the J Street NH Board. He is a volunteer at Maayim Hayyim Community Mikveh and often travels to Newton to guide immersing men. Many of the men who are converting are in need of Hatafat Dam Brit, and he is also able to provide this service as they transition to Judaism.

Alan has served our community as a Mohel since he came to Nashua. He travels to Maine, Vermont, Massachusetts and Rhode Island to perform this important ritual. Once he traveled to Vermont in a blizzard, leaving the night before to get ahead of the storm so that the Brit Milah would go forward as planned! He also gives educational talks and discussions about the Mitzvah of Brit Milah.

Until he and Becky researched and instituted our new recycling/compost program, he had been taking the Temple recycling to the landfill each week. He is a regular volunteer at the Nashua Soup Kitchen. Alan is always available to help in the Temple kitchen, and he and Becky are the major forces behind the food preparation for the Zimria concerts and several events throughout the year. He has represented the Synagogue and the Greater Nashua Jewish Community by speaking at the annual Martin Luther King commemoration at the First Baptist Church in Nashua.

For over 25 years, Alan has been a (founding) member of the famous Raymond Street Klezmer Band, where he plays a mean clarinet and sings Yiddish songs! He is also a member of the Zimria Choir, which performs during many events at the Synagogue, as well as singing with the Greater Nashua Community Interfaith Choir. He adds to their beautiful sound by playing his clarinet for many of the musical pieces.

While giving so much of his time to the Jewish Community, Alan (and Becky) had a successful OBGYN practice in Nashua for 35 years. Alan was known for his kindness, his patience, his knowledge, and his genuine concern for his patients.

Alan is a Mensch in every way. He is a loving husband to Becky, a doting father to his five children, and a beloved Zaide to his beautiful grandchildren.

We hope that you will join us on Saturday, September 7, 2019 for Shabbat Services, when we will honor Alan, and then at a Kiddush luncheon when the celebration of this wonderful man will continue. If you wish to honor Alan by donating to the Synagogue in his name, he has requested that the funds be earmarked for the new LED lights that are being installed. All donations are being matched by a generous anonymous donor, and are greatly appreciated.

We look forward to recognizing Alan for his many accomplishments, and for his life of service, tradition, and Tikuun Olam. He truly wears the Crown of a Good Name. We are privileged to have him as a valued member of the community; may his strength be enriched. Yasher Koach!