**Men’s Club Honors Rabbi Rudolph, Gail Fribush**

**By Jon Simon**

Shockingly, this was the first time in 30 years that a rabbi had rejected a nominee for a Kavod Award. However, according to Kavod Awards Chairman Larry Sidman, that was because the nominee was Rabbi Bill Rudolph himself – modest as always.

That didn’t stop Larry from expressing heartfelt gratitude on behalf of the Men’s Club and honoring the rabbi for his “steadfast backing,” his “caring presence,” his “wise counsel,” and “witty repartee.”

Larry thanked Rabbi Rudolph for his enthusiastic participation in Men’s Club Programs – the Blue Yarmulke Man of the Year Award, the Kavod Award, and the Purim Carnival – to name a few. He expressed appreciation for the rabbi’s help in securing outstanding speakers and even for his participation in the Men’s Club “Day on the Bay” fishing outing.

Unveiling a framed and engraved work of art donated by artist Phillip Ratner, Men’s Club President Jordan Rosner presented it to Rabbi Rudolph. Ratner’s work was an illustration of a racing cyclist, a reference to Rudolph’s passion for cycling.

Turning to Gail Fribush, Larry acknowledged Rabbi Rudolph’s wife as an “*eshet chayil*,” a woman of great inner and outer beauty, wisdom and warmth, whose value is far greater than the most precious of gems.”

Larry explained how the Men’s Club benefitted from Rabbi Rudolph’s love of sports, how he had attended nearly every Beth El softball game – even wearing colors representing both teams – and praised the rabbi for “always being accessible, encouraging others to experiment and fulfill their potential.”

“You have never proclaimed your worth,” said Larry. “It is self-evident to all of us.” Comparing aspects of Rabbi Rudolph’s leadership style to that of Moses, Larry said, “Your leadership is based on humility and empowering others through delegation. We thank you for the smiles you have brought to our lips, the passion you have brought to our ears, the insights that you have brought to our minds, and the inspiration that you have brought to our souls.”